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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
2 TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 193.]
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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. BEFORE WE
7 DO THE INVOCATION AND PLEDGE, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS WILL
8 LAST. THIS IS MY THIRD GRANDCHILD, MY FIRST GRANDSON. THIS IS
9 KADEN THOMAS KNABE. HE'S COMING TO WORK TODAY WITH GRANDPA,
10 AREN'T YOU? YEAH. WE'RE GOING TO BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY
11 DR. CLYDE ODEN, JR. OF THE BRYANT TEMPLE AFRICAN METHODIST
12 EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
13 ALLEGIANCE, LED BY JULIANA F. POTTER, ADJUTANT POST NO. 790,
14 THE AMERICAN LEGION, WEST COVINA.
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16 **DR. CLYDE ODEN, JR.:** THANK YOU CHAIRMAN KNABE, AND TO
17 DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISORS, AND MY SUPERVISOR. LET US NOW PRAY.
18 DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY AND FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE
19 PRAY FOR YOUR SPIRIT AND FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE. WE PRAY, DEAR
20 GOD, AS WE COME TOGETHER THAT YOU WOULD GRANT US THE SERENITY
21 TO ACCEPT THE THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE, THE COURAGE TO CHANGE
22 THE THINGS WE CAN AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. WE
23 ASK, DEAR GOD, THAT WE WOULD, IN THIS BODY, RESPOND TO THOSE
24 WHO ARE IN THE DAWN OF LIFE, THE CHILDREN, THOSE IN THE DUSK
25 OF LIFE, THE SENIORS, AND THOSE IN THE SHADOW OF LIFE, THOSE



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1 WHO ARE POOR, THAT THEY WILL HAVE A VOICE IN THIS AUGUST
2 PLACE, THAT YOU WOULD SUPPORT AND GIVE NEW MEANING TO WHAT IT
3 IS TO RESPOND TO FEWER RESOURCES BUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES. DEAR
4 GOD, WE PRAY FOR CHANGE. WE PRAY FOR COURAGE. WE PRAY FOR
5 LOVE. WE PRAY FOR YOUR SPIRIT. AMEN.

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7 **JULIANA F. POTTER:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND JOIN ME IN THE
8 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THEN SUPERVISOR
11 MOLINA.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
14 MEMBERS. WE'RE DELIGHTED ONCE AGAIN TO HAVE WITH US THE PASTOR
15 OF THE BRYANT TEMPLE A.M.E. CHURCH, DR. CLYDE ODEN, ONE WHO
16 HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF OVER THE YEARS AS INTERESTED AND
17 COMMITTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES. YOU'LL WANT TO
18 KNOW THAT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE BRYANT TEMPLE CHURCH HAS
19 TRIPLED ITS SIZE, ITS OUTREACH AND ITS WITNESS. WE TAKE
20 PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE THROUGH THIS
21 CONGREGATION AS IT MINISTERS AS A CHURCH OF THE NEXT
22 GENERATION. FORMERLY HAVING PASTORED THE HOLY TRINITY A.M.E.
23 CHURCH IN LONG BEACH, PRIOR TO THAT, MANY OF US WORKED WITH
24 DR. ODEN IN HIS CAPACITY OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SAVINGS
25 BANK AND C.E.O. OF THE WATTS HEALTH SYSTEMS. DR. ODEN AND I



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1 FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WHEN I SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE
2 DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND
3 OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS ENDURED THROUGH THOSE MANY YEARS. WE TAKE
4 NOTE OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF
5 ACADEMICALLY IN A VARIETY OF VENUES, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH AT
6 THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT FOR WHERE HE WORKED VERY
7 HARD AND SHOWED A GREAT PROMISE IN HIS THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. A
8 DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY BY TRAINING, AND WE ARE SIMPLY JUST
9 DELIGHTED TO HAVE HIM HERE WITH US TODAY TO GIVE US THE
10 INVOCATION. HE IS NOT ONLY A MAN OF GOD, BUT HE IS A PERSON OF
11 FAITH AND A WITNESS OF GREAT THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND
12 SO, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT ON YOUR
13 BEHALF THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DR. CLYDE ODEN, JR.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, IT'S MY HONOR THIS
17 MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JULIANA
18 POTTER. JULIANA RESIDES IN BALDWIN PARK. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE
19 AMERICAN LEGION POST 790 IN WEST COVINA. SHE SERVED AS A PETTY
20 OFFICER, THIRD CLASS WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY FLEET
21 TRAINING CENTER IN SAN DIEGO FROM 1962 TO 1965. HER
22 COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND A
23 MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO HER
24 FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR NATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING
25 US. [APPLAUSE,]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
5 THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,
6 PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1 AS INDICATED ON THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
13 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE CHAIR
16 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
19 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
22 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
25 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
3 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.
6 ON ITEM NO. 1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA PROVIDED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION. AND ALSO SHE
8 WOULD LIKE TO AMEND HER SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS,
9 "DIRECT COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES TO OPPOSE S.B.696 IN ANY
10 STATE LEGISLATION UNLESS AMENDED TO REMOVE THE BROAD AND
11 CATEGORICAL CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTIONS
12 FOR THE SOUTHERN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND SUPPORT
13 LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES NARROW AND TAILORED EXEMPTIONS TO
14 IMMEDIATELY ALLOW A CENTRAL PUBLIC PROJECT HOSPITALS AND
15 HISTORICALLY EXEMPTED PROJECTS SUCH AS SMALL BUSINESSES TO
16 GAIN A.Q.M.D. PERMITS AND EMISSION CREDITS. THE THIRD
17 RECOMMENDATION ON THE SUBSTITUTE--

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GET A COPY OF THIS, CORRECT?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, CORRECT-- REMAINS THE SAME. SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 HELD. NO. 1.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. 1. OKAY. IT WILL BE HELD.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
3 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
11 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR,
14 ITEMS 13 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM NO. 13, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 15, AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE MAXBERRY TO
22 SERVE AS THE ACTING OMBUDSMAN WILL BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 3RD,
23 2009 INSTEAD OF APRIL 14TH, 2009.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
3 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, THE DIRECTOR OF
9 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 28TH, 2009.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 23, THIS ITEM INCLUDES THE
15 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 27?

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. IT WILL BE HELD.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 37, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
5 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO MAY
6 12TH, 2009.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 49, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
12 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO MAY 12TH, 2009.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 53, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS
17 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 54, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT
2 CALENDAR, INCLUDING THE REVISIONS, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SEPARATE MATTERS ARE OUTSIDE THE
5 CONSENT, IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
11 ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 55 AND 56. ON ITEM
14 NO. 55, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS
15 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 2008-2009
18 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE SERIES C IN AGGREGATE
19 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39 MILLION. THERE'S ALSO A
20 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 55 WILL BE HELD.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 56, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE
25 IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S



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1 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
2 AND SALE OF NORWALK LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
3 OF 2002 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2009 D IN AGGREGATE
4 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15 MILLION.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 57, WE WILL HOLD
9 FOR A DISCUSSION. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
10 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 58,
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 33, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
17 ITEM NO. C.S.-3, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
18 ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS CLOSED SESSION ITEM
19 BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO MAY 12TH, 2009.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
25 DISTRICT NO. 1.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. PRIOR TO THAT, WE DO HAVE A
3 SPECIAL-- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS SOMEONE THAT NEEDS TO
4 LEAVE, SO I'LL LET MIKE TAKE THE ONE OUT OF ORDER. THEN WE'LL
5 GO BACK TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS IS THE TIME OF
8 YEAR WHEN WE RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE INJUSTICES THAT OCCURRED IN
9 THE PAST CENTURY, WHICH WAS THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, WHICH
10 GENOCIDE MOTIVATED AND ENCOURAGED IN GERMANY, ADOLF HITLER, TO
11 CONTINUE EXTERMINATING PEOPLE WHEN HE KILLED 6 MILLION JEWS
12 AND OTHERS DURING WORLD WAR II. THIS IS THE 94TH ANNIVERSARY
13 IN COMMEMORATION OF THIS TRAGEDY. JUST THIS MORNING WE HAVE
14 THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, THE HONORABLE
15 HOBANACIAN, WE HAVE HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DRODARIAN, PRIMATE
16 WESTERN DIOCESE ALONG WITH JUSTICE ARMON ARABIAN OF THE
17 WESTERN DIOCESE. REPRESENTING ARCHBISHOP ARDROSIAN, THE
18 PRELATE WESSAN PREVISIAN, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES.
19 WE'LL BE ADJOURNING OUR BOARD IN MEMORY OF ARCHBISHOP
20 ADROSIAN'S MOTHER WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK. IT'S THE
21 REVEREND FATHER NIKIAN AND REVEREND FATHER NIKIAN.
22 REPRESENTING THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE IS ADA DAMIJIAN.
23 THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE IS MYRNA KASURIAN. AGOP
24 NAZARIAN IS CHAIR OF THE RAMGABAR PARTY WESTERN REGION AND
25 PETER DURAKIANJIAN OF THE ARMENIAN COUNCIL OF AMERICA. BACK ON



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1 APRIL 24TH, 1915, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT BEGAN A SYSTEMATIC
2 EXTERMINATION OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL
3 AND INTELLECTUAL ARMENIAN LEADERS WERE AMONG THE 1.5 MILLION
4 VICTIMS WHO WERE ARRESTED AND MURDERED. DUE TO THIS TRAGEDY,
5 THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT THOSE WHO
6 DIED DID NOT DIE IN VAIN, THAT DUE TO HUMAN RIGHTS ATROCITIES
7 ARE NEVER FORGOT BY DEDICATING THIS DAY, APRIL 24TH, AS A DAY
8 OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. CONSISTENTLY
9 REMEMBERING AND OPENLY CONDEMNING THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED
10 AGAINST THESE ARMENIANS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ONCE AGAIN
11 DEMONSTRATES ITS SENSITIVITY TO THE NEED FOR CONSTANT
12 VIGILANCE TO PREVENT SIMILAR EVENTS IN THE FUTURE. TODAY
13 ARMENIA IS NOW A FREE AND INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, HAVING
14 EMBRACED DEMOCRACY FOLLOWING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SOVIET
15 UNION. I WAS PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
16 DELEGATION WHO OVERSAW THOSE FREE ELECTIONS IN URABAN. LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST POPULATION OF ARMENIANS
18 IN THE UNITED STATES, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE ENRICHED THE
19 DISTRICTS THAT I REPRESENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY
20 HAVE ENRICHED OUR COUNTY THROUGH THEIR LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS,
21 MEDICINE, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS. SO OUR BOARD HAS
22 DECLARED APRIL 24TH, 2009 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE
23 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1515-1923 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY TO
24 ENSURE-- TO SECURE CLOSURE, HEALING AND UNDERSTANDING FOR
25 THOSE IMPACTED BY THIS GENOCIDE, INCLUDING THE 350,000



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1 ARMENIAN AMERICANS THAT TODAY LIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES. SO LET ME FIRST GIVE THIS TO THE CONSUL GENERAL. TO
3 THE WESTERN DIOCESE. TO THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. OH,
4 YEAH, THAT HELPS. LET'S DO THAT ONE AGAIN. TO THE ARMENIAN
5 NATIONAL COMMITTEE. TO THE RAMAGAR PARTY WESTERN REGION. THE
6 ARMENIAN COUNCIL OF AMERICA. THE CONSUL GENERAL?

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8 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARMENIA AND OUR
10 FELLOW CITIZENS RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO
11 EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THIS BOARD, AND BY EXTENSION,
12 TO HUNDREDS OF MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY-BASED SCHOOLS,
13 ORGANIZATIONS AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 WHO JOIN THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE IN COMMEMORATING THE GREATEST
15 TRAGEDY IN OUR MILLENNIAL HISTORY, THE GENOCIDE OF ARMENIANS
16 IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND
17 SEVERAL U.S. STATES HAVE SET THE RECOGNITION OF ARMENIAN
18 GENOCIDE LONG BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMENIAN STATE,
19 INDEPENDENT STATE, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMENIAN FOREIGN
20 POLICY PARADIGM, TO WHICH TODAY THE GENOCIDE RECOGNITION IS A
21 PRIORITY. SINCE THEN, THERE HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN
22 IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AS
23 TENS OF GOVERNMENTS AND PARLIAMENTS ACROSS THE WORLD HAVE
24 ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED AND CONDEMNED THE HORRENDOUS
25 EXTERMINATION OF 1.5 MILLION ARMENIANS IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.



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1 ON THIS THIRD DAY OF CALIFORNIA-WIDE PROCLAIMED WEEK OF
2 REMEMBRANCE OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, I'D LIKE TO CONVEY OUR
3 SINCERE HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THIS BOARD AND TO SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH FOR THE CONSISTENT EFFORT IN PURSUING JUSTICE AND
5 OFFERING COMFORT AND RESPECT TO ARMENIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP _____?

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10 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE SUPERVISOR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, IN A
11 FEW DAYS, ARMENIANS AROUND THE WORLD AND ARMENIANS IN THE
12 GREATER CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL BE COMMEMORATING THE FIRST
13 GENOCIDE OF THE 20TH CENTURY. APRIL 24TH, 1915 IS ONE OF THE
14 DARKEST PAGES OF HUMANITY'S HISTORY. YEAR AFTER YEAR ARMENIANS
15 WORLDWIDE COMMEMORATE THE MEMORIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRST
16 GENOCIDE OF THE 20TH CENTURY AND CONTINUE TO CALL ON THE
17 PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO RECOGNIZE THE GENOCIDE PERPETRATED BY
18 THE OTTOMAN TURKS IN THE YEAR 1915. HISTORY AND HISTORICAL
19 FACTS CANNOT BE ALTERED AND ACCOMMODATED ACCORDING TO
20 POLITICAL AGENDAS. SUCH AN ACTION DEPRIVES THE NATION FROM
21 THEIR JUST RIGHTS AND MORAL PRIVILEGES WHICH THEY PURSUE TO
22 PRESERVE AS A NOBLE LEGACY FROM THEIR ANCESTORS. ARMENIANS
23 AROUND THE WORLD ARE UNITED TODAY IN OFFERING THEIR PRAYERS
24 FOR THE SOULS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE. ARMENIANS AROUND
25 THE WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO CALL ON ALL NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE



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1 THE FIRST GENOCIDE OF THE 20TH CENTURY, THE RECOGNITION OF THE
2 GENOCIDE IS A MORAL ACT. AS THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE
3 ARMENIAN CHURCH, TOGETHER WITH THE LAY LEADERS OF OUR
4 COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO GIVE OUR YOUTH A CLEAR MESSAGE AND
5 UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARMENIAN HISTORY. WE LIVE IN THE UNITED
6 STATES OF AMERICA. AND AS DEDICATED CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY,
7 WE HAVE CHOSEN THE MOST INSPIRING WAY TO SHOW OUR RESPECT FOR
8 THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE. WE HAVE EQUALLY BECOME THE
9 BUILDERS OF THIS COUNTRY, TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER DEDICATED
10 CITIZENS, AND HOLD FIRM THE SPIRIT OF OUR ANCESTORS. AND IN
11 DOING SO, WE SEND OUT A MESSAGE OF PERSEVERANCE TO THE WORLD
12 THAT THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS CALL ON US TO BECOME A PEACE
13 LOVING NATION WITH FORGIVING HEARTS; HOWEVER, IN PURSUANCE OF
14 THE JUST RIGHT OF A NATION WHOSE HISTORY HAS BEEN TAINTED WITH
15 THE DARK PAGE OF 1915, TO FORGET THE MARTYRDOM OF OUR
16 ANCESTORS WILL CERTAINLY BRING SHAME ON US. ALL OF OUR NOBLE
17 ASPIRATIONS HAVE BEEN THE DREAMS OF THE VICTIMS. WE THANK
18 SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH AND ALL THE OFFICIALS FOR YOUR
19 RESPECT AND THE HONOR YOU RENDER FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE
20 GENOCIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I'M VERY PRIVILEGED ALSO TO
21 INVITE FOR A PERSONAL TESTIMONY A SURVIVOR OF THE ARMENIAN
22 GENOCIDE, A SON OF A SURVIVOR TO JUDGE ARABIAN.

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24 **ARMOND ARABIAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'M ARMOND
25 ARABIAN. I SERVED THE COURTS OF CALIFORNIA FOR 24 YEARS,



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1 INCLUDING SIX YEARS AT THE STATE SUPREME COURT. I WAS THE
2 FIRSTBORN OF VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE ON NEW YORK'S LOWER EAST
3 SIDE. AND I WAS INFUSED AT THE BREAST OF MY MOTHER BY THE PAIN
4 THAT WE SUFFERED. I CALL IT THE TURKISH TRAUMA SYNDROME.
5 THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TROUBLE TALKING SOMETIMES WHEN WE GET INTO
6 THE SUBJECT MATTER. I'LL BE BRIEF. AS A JURIST, THE EVIDENCE
7 IS OVERWHELMING AS TO THE CRIMES THAT THEY COMMITTED. THE IDEA
8 THAT THEY CAN HIDE THEIR HEAD IN THE SAND AND THINK WE'RE
9 GOING TO GO AWAY IS ABSOLUTE LUNACY. WE HAVE BEEN NICE TO THEM
10 HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT WHEN WE ASK TO FLY OVER OUR
11 JETS IN THE MOST RECENT BATTLES OVER THERE, THEY DIDN'T TELL
12 US TO TAKE A FLIGHT; THEY TOLD US TO TAKE A HIKE. THAT'S OUR
13 PARTNER OUT THERE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD. IT'S A JOKE. I'LL
14 TELL YOU ONE OTHER THING BEFORE I GO. I'M HOPING THAT OUR
15 PRESIDENT, WHO IS WELL-FAMILIAR WITH THE ARMENIAN SITUATION
16 BECAUSE IN HIS SCHOOLING, HE HAD FRIENDS WHO TOLD HIM ALL
17 ABOUT IT. I'M HOPING ON THE 24TH, AS OPPOSED TO WHAT HE DID--
18 AND I DON'T BLAME HIM WHEN HE WENT OVER TO TURKEY, HE DIDN'T
19 USE THE G WORD OF GENOCIDE. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN DID. I
20 HOPE THIS PRESIDENT STEPS UP TO THE PLATE AND DOES WHAT HE
21 KNOWS IS MORALLY CORRECT. AND IF THEY DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE IT AND
22 THEY ARE STILL IN DREAMLAND, THEY CAN REST ASSURED THAT IN THE
23 SUNSET OF THEIR DEMISE, WE WILL BE THEIR LONGEST AND DARKEST
24 AND ENDURING SHADOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REVEREND FATHER?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE
4 TODAY NOT ONLY COMMEMORATE THE MEMORY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
5 AND THE MARTYRS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, FIRST MARTYRS OF THE
6 GENOCIDE, BUT ALSO WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF THE NATION
7 AND SURVIVAL OF A NATION, THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE. AS THOMAS THE
8 UNBELIEVABLE, OR DOUBTFUL THOMAS, HE TOUCHED JESUS AND HE FELT
9 THE WOUNDS AND THE SCARS OF THE NAILS OF HIS HANDS AND PALMS
10 AND THE WORLD HEARD, AND THE WORLD TODAY TOUCHES AND FEELS THE
11 SCARS OF RESURRECTION AND SCARS. COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN
12 GENOCIDE. WE THANK, OH HEAVENLY FATHER, FOR BRINGING US
13 TOGETHER FOR THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 94TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
15 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. AS WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO REMEMBER THE 1-
16 1/2 MILLION MARTYRS WHO IN 1915 GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE LOVE
17 OF OUR NATION AND OUR FAITH, WE BESEECH YOU TO GRANT PEACE TO
18 THE SOULS AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO SIMILAR
19 ATROCITIES. WE ASK FOR YOUR BLESSINGS, OH HEAVENLY FATHER, TO
20 BE UPON SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO TODAY HAVE HONORED THE LOVING
22 MEMORY OF OUR MARTYRS WITH THIS RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL
23 24TH AS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915
24 THROUGH 1923. WE ARE STRENGTHENED AND REASSURED IN OUR CAUSE
25 KNOWING THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPORT AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF



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1 FRIENDS SUCH AS YOU. LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNBOWED LOVE
2 AND BLESSINGS AND HUMBLY ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO GUIDE US WITH
3 YOUR DIVINE WISDOM IN FULFILLMENT OF OUR MISSION TO SERVE FOR
4 THE PROGRESS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND NATION AND THE WELFARE OF
5 OUR FELLOW MAN WITH COURAGE, DIGNITY AND HONOR. THANK YOU.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL
9 COMMITTEE WESTERN REGION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YEAR AFTER
11 YEAR PROPERLY RECOGNIZING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. WE MUST
12 CONDEMN AND WE MUST PROPERLY RECOGNIZE PAST GENOCIDES, AND
13 SPECIFICALLY THE FIRST GENOCIDE OF THE 20TH CENTURY, SO THAT
14 WE CAN PREVENT FUTURE GENOCIDES AND PRESENT GENOCIDES SUCH AS
15 THE ONES THAT ARE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN RWANDA AND DARFUR.
16 AGAIN THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK RITA
17 DUMENIKIAN FOR HAVING HER FINGER ON THE PULSE OF THE
18 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO, RITA. AND
19 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS, I'M GOING TO CALL ON YOU NEXT, PLEASE. SUPERVISOR
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS, JUST ONE INTERRUPTION HERE. WE WANT TO-- YOU



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1 KNOW, I SORT OF TOOK OVER AT THE BEGINNING AND INTRODUCED
2 PROBABLY THE MOST FAMOUS, TAKE OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND
3 GRANDSON TO WORKDAY, BUT MY GRANDSON, BUT IN THE AUDIENCE WE
4 HAVE OUR TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY. WE WANT THEM
5 TO STAND UP AND RECOGNIZE THEM AND WELCOME THEM. [APPLAUSE.] I
6 WAS TOLD THEY HAD A FUN FILLED DAY PLANNED AND THEY DIDN'T
7 WANT TO WASTE A LOT OF TIME IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 HEARING ROOM. WELCOME. GLAD TO HAVE YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
9 THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
12 COLLEAGUES. TODAY IS DELTA DAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
13 AND I'M GOING TO ASK ALL DELTAS IN THE HOUSE TO STAND. [LOUD
14 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.] ALL THE DELTAS PLEASE STAND. ALL THE
15 DELTAS PLEASE STAND. GIVE THEM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
16 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, THESE WOMEN
17 ARE 200,000 STRONG ACROSS THE GLOBE, AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE
18 FACT THAT THEY ARE IN THE HOUSE TODAY. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO
19 CELEBRATE YET AGAIN THIS ANNUAL MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THEIR
20 FOUNDING AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY IN 1913. AND THEY'VE BEEN GOING
21 STRONG EVER SINCE. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE LEGENDARY. THEIR
22 COMMITMENT IS WELL-DOCUMENTED. AND THEIR SERVICE TO THE
23 COMMUNITY IS TO BE CELEBRATED NOT ONLY ANNUALLY BUT EACH AND
24 EVERY DAY AS THEY GO ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF SERVING THEIR MOTTO
25 AND THEIR MESSAGE. AND SO WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT, GWENDOLYN COLEY, AND
2 THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE HERE; BUT THIS IS TO,
3 ESSENTIALLY, ACKNOWLEDGE DELTA SIGMA THETA, SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, HONORING THE STRONG LEGACY AND HISTORY OF
5 EXCELLENCE THAT WAS CREATED, THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
6 GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY. AND I PRESENT THIS TO YOU ON BEHALF
7 OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND WE
8 WILL TAKE A MOMENT, THEN, TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE OTHER PERSONS
9 WHO ARE HERE REPRESENTED. BUT LET'S BEGIN BY AFFORDING THE
10 PRESIDENT A WORD TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE DELTAS IN
11 THE HOUSE. MS. COLEY? WE'LL START WITH THIS. TAKE THAT PHOTO
12 AND THEN WE WILL GO FROM THERE. GIVE HER A HAND. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **GWENDOLYN COLEY:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
15 TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
16 AGAIN I'M GWEN COLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTURY CITY ALUMNAE
17 CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY AND ON BEHALF OF THE 13
18 ALUMNAE CHAPTERS AND TWO COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS OF DELTA SIGMA
19 THETA SORORITY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEY'RE
20 REPRESENTED HERE TODAY BY OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS WHO ARE HERE
21 WITH ME, OUR SOCIAL ACTION CHAIRS AND CHAPTER MEMBERS. AND
22 ALSO OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE COORDINATOR. I WANT TO
23 THANK YOU FOR THIS DECLARATION OF DELTA DAY IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY. THIS IS OUR THIRD ANNUAL DELTA DAY IN L.A. AND DELTA
25 DAY IS THE DAY OF ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH TO OUR ELECTED



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1 OFFICIALS. AND IT MANIFESTS OUR SORORITIES BY THE THEME DELTA
2 SIGMA THETA, A SISTERHOOD CALLED TO SERVE, TRANSFORMING LIVES,
3 IMPACTING COMMUNITIES. OUR SORORITY RECENTLY CELEBRATED 96
4 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND SOCIAL ACTION, AND WE ARE HERE
5 TODAY TO CONTINUE THIS GREAT LEGACY. AS AN ORGANIZATION
6 COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE, IT IS OUR GOAL TO PARTNER WITH
7 EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING A
8 DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE, WORK AND
9 SERVE. AND SO WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION OF THE
10 WORK THAT WE DO, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK
11 TOGETHER.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO
14 CALL FORWARD THE COMPTON ALUMNAE. ARE THE COMPTON ALUMNAE IN
15 THE HOUSE? COME ON FORWARD. WHO IS REPRESENTING THEM?
16 INGLEWOOD ALUMNAE IN THE HOUSE? COME ON FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]
17 AND FINALLY, I THOUGHT, LOS ANGELES ALUMNAE, PLEASE COME
18 FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.] LOS ANGELES BOTH BEING THE OLDEST CHAPTER
19 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUT COMPTON AND INGLEWOOD SAID THAT'S
20 ALL RIGHT, THEY'RE HERE, TOO; IS THAT RIGHT? [LAUGHTER.] LOS
21 ANGELES SOUTH BAY ALUMNAE PLEASE COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M VERY HONORED AND PROUD TO HAVE ONE OF
25 THE SORORITIES IN MY DISTRICT, AS WELL, IN POMONA. I HAVE



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1 HEARD OF THE NETWORKING AND THE WORK THAT THIS SORORITY HAS
2 DONE THROUGH COLLEAGUES THAT I HAVE KNOWN THAT HAVE BEEN
3 MEMBERS. AND IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO HAVE TWO OF THE
4 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POMONA CHAPTER HERE, AND THEY ARE
5 GLORIA KILLGORE AND CASHAUNDRA MCNEAL. AND I WANT TO THANK
6 THEM FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE THAT THEY DO. CONGRATULATIONS,
7 LADIES. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, THE
12 CENTURY CITY ALUMNAE ARE HERE REPRESENTED. WHERE ARE THEY?
13 HERE THEY COME. DON'T RUN. DON'T RUN. IN THE SAN FERNANDO
14 VALLEY ALUMNAE? [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT WE HAVE
17 REPRESENTING THE CERRITOS AREA CHAPTER, DAWN BLENKINS OWENS.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. REPRESENTING THE LONG BEACH
21 CHAPTER, ADRIENNE ALLEN. HOW'S THAT? I GOT IT RIGHT.
22 [APPLAUSE.] KIM, RIGHT? I GOT ONE OUT OF THREE. THAT'S NOT
23 BAD. REPRESENTING ROLLING HILLS-PALOS VERDES CHAPTER, KIM
24 USHER. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT SHARON HARPER
2 IS ALSO A DELTA IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND MY FORMER CHIEF OF
3 STAFF AND HEAD OF MY BUDGET, DR. LORI _____ IS ALSO A DELTA.
4 [APPLAUSE.] SO FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, FROM THE PASADENA
5 CHAPTER DELTAS, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THIS TO ELLEN LIGOMES?
6 [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM THE LANCASTER ANTELOPE VALLEY, DIANA
7 WALLACE HAHN. [APPLAUSE.] IT WAS HOT YESTERDAY. A LITTLE WARM.
8 AND FROM THE FOOTHILL?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I THINK IT'S
11 FAIR TO SAY THAT THE DELTAS ARE IN THE HOUSE. [LOUD APPLAUSE
12 AND CHEERS.] AND ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, WE WELCOME YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND
14 YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY-- OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WE
15 LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. AND IN BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, WE
16 WISH TO COLLABORATE WITH YOU ON A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES. AND
17 ONCE AGAIN, WELCOME TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR THIRD ANNUAL VISIT. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I BELIEVE YOU HAVE ANOTHER
21 PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WE WELCOME TO
24 THE BOARDROOM ONCE AGAIN NONE OTHER THAN PATTI GIGGINS, WHO IS
25 NO STRANGER TO THIS ENVIRONMENT. WE KNOW HER AS THE EXECUTIVE



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1 DIRECTOR OF PEACE OVER VIOLENCE AND ONE OF THE MOST STAND UP
2 PROPONENTS, ADVOCATES FOR NONVIOLENCE AND JUSTICE FOR THOSE
3 WHO ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO EXPERIENCE A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE.
4 WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE-- SHHH-- THAT TOMORROW WILL BE DENIM
5 DAY. ANYBODY HERE KNOW ABOUT DENIM DAY? [APPLAUSE.] IT IS AN
6 IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY. YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW A SUPREME COURT
7 DECISION OVERTURNED A RAPE VICTIM BECAUSE THE VICTIM WORE
8 JEANS. IT WAS STATED BY THE JUSTICES THAT THE VICTIM HAD BEEN
9 ASSISTED-- HAD ASSISTED THE ATTACKER TO REMOVE THE JEANS. AND
10 WEARING JEANS HAS NOW BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL AS A
11 PROTEST AGAINST NEGATIVE ATTITUDES ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT. AND
12 SO DENIM DAY IN LOS ANGELES, SPEARHEADED BY PEACE OVER
13 VIOLENCE, HAS EVOLVED INTO AN ANNUAL COUNTY-WIDE HIGHLY
14 PUBLICIZED RAPE PREVENTION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. AND SO IT'S
15 WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL ACKNOWLEDGING THE
16 IMPORTANCE OF THE MONTH OF APRIL BEING DEDICATED TO SEXUAL
17 ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND TOMORROW, APRIL 22ND AS DENIM DAY
18 URGING EVERYONE TO WEAR JEANS AND TO ATTEND DENIM DAY
19 OBSERVANCES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT
20 IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT THEY'RE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN
21 INVITATION TO SEXUALLY ASSAULT ANYONE. DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?
22 [APPLAUSE] AND SO WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. DENIM
23 DAY 2009 THE PEACE OVER VIOLENCE AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT
24 PREVENTION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO ITS LEADER, PATTI
25 GIGGINS. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **PATTI GIGGINS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH
3 TO THIS BODY, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING
4 DENIM DAY IN L.A. 2009, AND IN PARTICULAR TO SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO CONTINUOUSLY BREAKS THROUGH THE SILENCE THAT
6 SURROUNDS THIS VERY TRAUMATIC CRIME. PEACE OVER VIOLENCE IS
7 ONE OF THE FIRST AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND THE
8 COUNTRY TO SERVE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND
9 WITH DENIM DAY, IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE. AND I WANT TO
10 REMIND EVERYBODY WHY DENIM? BECAUSE EVERY TWO MINUTES SOMEONE
11 IN AMERICA IS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. BECAUSE MANY ADOLESCENT
12 GIRLS THINK RIHANNA PROVOKED HER OWN BEATING. BECAUSE IN THE
13 CONGO, WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE BRUTALLY RAPED AND THE WORLD LOOKS
14 AWAY. WHY DENIM? BECAUSE IN AFGHANISTAN, THERE'S A LAW THAT
15 WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY THAT LEGALIZED
16 RAPE, ALLOWING FOR SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITHIN A MARRIED COUPLE
17 WITHOUT CONSENT. BECAUSE 2 MILLION CHILDREN EVERY YEAR AROUND
18 THE WORLD ARE FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION. WHY DENIM? BECAUSE
19 RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WE STILL HAVE A BACKLOG OF OVER
20 12,000 UNTESTED RAPE KITS SITTING IN POLICE STORAGE
21 REFRIGERATORS. IN LOS ANGELES, THE LATEST STATS FROM 2007,
22 THERE WERE 1,400 RAPES REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. THAT'S
23 FOUR RAPES A DAY REPORTED TO THE POLICE. AND THAT NUMBER DOES
24 NOT COUNT THE UNREPORTED SEXUAL ASSAULTS OF MANY VICTIMS WHO
25 CALL OUR 24-HOUR HOT LINES AND THOSE OF OUR SISTER AGENCIES.



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1 LAST YEAR'S OVER VIOLENCE RECEIVED OVER 10,000 INDIVIDUAL
2 CALLS FROM SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. REPORTED RAPES HAVE
3 BEEN DECLINING, BUT SO HAVE THE ARREST RATES FOR RAPE. RAPE IS
4 STILL THE MOST UNDERREPORTED AND THE MOST SILENCED OF CRIMES.
5 DENIM DAY IN L.A., WHICH HAS NOW EXPANDED TO BE EXPANDED TO BE
6 DENIM DAY IN L.A., WHAT STARTED IN L.A. HAS SPREAD, IS AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND
8 NEVER AN INVITATION TO RAPE. THIS CANNOT BE STRESSED ENOUGH.
9 ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT THEMES IS THAT IT IS NEVER TOO LATE
10 TO HEAL. SEXUAL VIOLENCE CAN AND DOES HAPPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL
11 AGES: CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS, WOMEN OF ANY AGE, TEENAGERS
12 AND YOUTH ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. IT HAPPENS TO THE
13 ELDERLY. IT CAN HAPPEN IN THE MILITARY, BEHIND PRISON DOORS,
14 ON THE STREETS AND WITHIN FAMILIES. BUT ALTHOUGH IT IS VERY
15 DIFFICULT TO REACH OUT FOR COUNSELING AND SUPPORT RIGHT AFTER
16 IT HAPPENS, I AM HERE TO ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO IS STILL HURTING
17 FROM THIS CRIME AND ARE CARRYING WOUNDS TO REACH OUT AND CALL
18 OUR 24-HOUR HOT LINE OR TO GO TO THE CLOSEST CRISIS CENTER AND
19 SEEK THE HELP AND HEALING YOU DESERVE. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK
20 YOU TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS TO BECOME EDUCATED ABOUT
21 SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND NOT TO BE A PASSIVE BYSTANDER. SURVIVORS
22 DESERVE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, NOT SHAME AND BLAME. SO LET'S,
23 EVERYONE, WEAR JEANS ON DENIM DAY IN L.A. WEAR JEANS WITH A
24 PURPOSE. BECOME EDUCATED, SUPPORT SURVIVORS, AND PREVENT
25 SEXUAL VIOLENCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE NOW WANT TO TAKE THE

3 OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE MICHELLE CHRISTIE-ADAMS, FOUNDER

4 AND PRESIDENT OF NO LIMITS FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING

5 CHILDREN. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RECOGNIZE

6 HER STELLAR WORK. WITH OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE

7 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND AS AN EDUCATOR, SHE RECOGNIZED A

8 LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR ORAL DEAF CHILDREN TO

9 PROVIDE THEIR SPEAKING ABILITIES IN A THEATRICAL SETTING. THE

10 PROGRAM DESIGNED AS AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THESE YOUNG

11 CHILDREN TO DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS, EXPAND VOCABULARY

12 AND GRAMMAR, TO UNDERSTAND THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH

13 ROLE PLAYING, CULTIVATE CREATIVITY AND DEVELOP PUBLIC SPEAKING

14 SKILLS HAS NOW BECOME A NATIONAL MODEL. NO LIMITS HAS PRODUCED

15 45 ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS. THE SHOWS HAVE INCLUDED ORAL DEAF,

16 DEAF CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, CONNECTICUT,

17 PENNSYLVANIA AND OREGON AS WELL AS MINNESOTA. SO WE TAKE THIS

18 OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN 2006, THE CULVER CITY

19 DISABILITY COUNCIL AWARDED NO LIMITS AS THE BEST NONPROFIT

20 ORGANIZATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, AND THEY HAVE

21 JUST CONTINUED TO BLOSSOM AND PROSPER. THEY HAVE BEEN FEATURED

22 ON OPRAH AS A POSITIVE UPLIFTING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND ONE

23 OF THE BEST PROGRAMS BY PARENTS' MAGAZINE, JUST TO MENTION

24 SOME OF THEIR STELLAR WORK. SO IT'S OUR HIGH HONOR TO HAVE YOU

25 HERE AND TO SALUTE NO LIMITS FOR THE WORK IT HAS DONE, IS



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1 DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING
2 CHILDREN. AND SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU
3 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR EXTRAORDINARY WORK TODAY.
4 MICHELLE CHRISTIE-ADAMS, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **MICHELLE CHRISTIE-ADAMS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S SUCH AN HONOR
7 TO BE HERE TODAY. ONE OUT OF 33 CHILDREN ARE BORN DEAF EACH
8 YEAR. AND WHEN THE KIDS COME TO NO LIMITS, MANY OF THEM ARE
9 FROM LOWER INCOME FAMILIES, AND THEY ARE NOT RECEIVING THE
10 SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. THEY COME FIVE YEARS OLD. THEY DON'T
11 KNOW THEIR NAME. THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR BIRTHDATE. THEY DON'T
12 KNOW THEIR AGE. AND AT NO LIMITS, WHILE GIVING THEM THE SKILLS
13 TO COMMUNICATE, GET THAT SPARK BACK IN THEIR EYES TO KNOW WHO
14 THEY ARE AND TO CONNECT TO THE WORLD AROUND THEM. SO IT'S SUCH
15 A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN AND THE
16 PARENTS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. IT A GREAT HONOR. AND I JUST
17 WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR KIDS WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE
18 KENNEDY CENTER ON JUNE 20TH IN D.C. SO BRAVO TO THEM. THEIR
19 HARD WORK IS PAYING OFF. THANK YOU SO MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. AND I HAVE A VERY
24 WORTHY GROUP OF-- [LAUGHTER.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. FUJIOKA CUT THE AUDIO BUDGET
4 HERE, I THINK. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, CONGREGATION OF VALLEY
5 BETH SHALOM WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CONSERVATIVE JEWISH
6 CONGREGATIONS IN THE COUNTRY AND CERTAINLY IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY AND ONE OF THE MOST SOCIALLY ACTIVE CONGREGATIONS
8 ANYWHERE, HAS BEEN A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
9 FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. AND I'D LIKE TO READ THIS PROCLAMATION
10 IN HONOR OF THE DELEGATION HERE FROM VALLEY BETH SHALOM THIS
11 MORNING. WHEREAS THE CONGREGANTS OF VALLEY BETH SHALOM UNDER
12 THE DIRECTION OF DR. PATRICIA JACOBS, BESS REZNICK AND RANDY
13 SIMONHOF, HAVE DONATED SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED PROM DRESSES,
14 SHOES, MAKEUP, ACCESSORIES AND PARTY FAVORS TO MORE THAN 120
15 TEENAGERS SERVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
16 SERVICES THROUGH THE ADOPT A CHILD ABUSE CASEWORKER PROGRAM
17 SINCE 2002. IN PROVIDING THE PROM DRESS AND GIFT TO HUNDREDS
18 OF TEENAGERS OVER THIS PERIOD OF TIME, THESE CONGREGANTS HAVE
19 ENABLED TEENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL PROM EVENT
20 THAT THEY MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
21 ENJOY. THE CONGREGANTS OF THE VALLEY BETH SHALOM A HAVE
22 REACHED OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE AND HAVE BECOME AN
23 ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND DONOR OF MUCH MATERIAL RESOURCES,
24 VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AND GIFTS TO TEENAGE GIRLS AGES 14 THROUGH
25 18 SERVED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND



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1 FAMILY SERVICES. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES HEREBY SINCERELY
3 THANK AND COMMEND DR. PATRICIA JACOBS, PROGRAM ORGANIZERS AND
4 ALL THE CONGREGANTS OF VALLEY BETH SHALOM TO THEIR COMMITMENT
5 OF THE CHILDREN OF FAMILY SERVICES FROM PREP ONE EVENT THROUGH
6 THE ADOPT A CHILD ABUSE CASEWORKER PROGRAM AND THROUGH
7 PARTICIPATING IN THIS STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. I THINK
8 THE PROGRAM SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. AND TRISH PLOEHN, OUR DIRECTOR
9 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, I'D LIKE YOU TO SAY A WORD
10 HERE IN A SECOND. BUT LET ME JUST SAY THANK YOU. THIS
11 CONGREGATION DOES SO MUCH FOR SO MANY PEOPLE, BOTH IN AND
12 OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL TO HAVE
13 THIS NUCLEUS OF WOMEN WHO ARE-- IT'S ALWAYS THE WOMEN WHO DO
14 THE SOCIAL ACTION AT THE TEMPLES, I KNOW-- [LAUGHTER.] I LIVE
15 WITH A SOCIAL ACTIVIST AT HOME WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN OUR
16 TEMPLE. BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND FOR YOUR
17 PARTNERSHIP WITH SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE TEENAGERS THAT WE
18 HAVE IN OUR COUNTY AND BRINGING THEM A LITTLE HAPPINESS AND A
19 LITTLE BIT OF RESOURCES AND A LITTLE BIT OF GUIDANCE AND
20 MENTORING ALONG THE WAY. SO BEFORE I PRESENT THIS
21 PROCLAMATION, I'D LIKE TO ASK TRISH PLOEHN OUR D.C.F.S.
22 DIRECTOR TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

23

24 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. YAROSLAVSKY. I
25 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT



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1 AND ALL OF THE YOUNG LADIES THAT YOU HAVE SO GENEROUSLY
2 HELPED. YOU MAKE THEM FEEL SPECIAL AND YOU MAKE THEM FEEL
3 VALUED. AND FOR A CHILD THAT'S IN CARE, THERE IS NO MORE
4 IMPORTANT GIFT THAN THAT. SO I THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND I
5 THANK MY D.C.F.S. STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AS WELL.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK FOR THE GROUP? I'D
9 LIKE YOU TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS?

10

11 **RANDY SIMONHOFF:** HI, MY NAME IS RANDY SIMONHOFF. I RUN THE
12 SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM AT VALLEY BETH SHALOM, WE CALL THIS
13 HESSET CONNECTION, HESSET MEANING ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS. IT
14 ENCOMPASSES A GAMUT OF PROGRAMS FROM BUILDING HOUSES FOR THE
15 LESS PRIVILEGED, CLEANING THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELPING THE LESS
16 FORTUNATE. THE ADOPT A CHILD ABUSE CASEWORKER PROGRAM REALLY
17 HITS CLOSE TO HOME. BUT FIRST I NEGLECTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
19 FOR BESTOWING THIS HONOR UPON US. BUT WITHOUT PATTI JACOBS AND
20 BESS REZNICK RUNNING THIS PROGRAM, THE PROM PREP WOULD NOT
21 HAVE GOTTEN ON THE GROUND THE WAY IT DID. AND I JUST WANT TO
22 THANK THEM FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS SUCH A
23 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. THANK
24 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD
2 STUDENTS FROM OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION.
3 THESE STUDENTS THAT ARE HERE AMONGST OTHERS WROTE THE WINNING
4 ESSAYS AND WERE THEREFORE SELECTED TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION
5 OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AND TOUR WASHINGTON, D.C. THEY ARRIVED ON
6 WASHINGTON JANUARY 29TH, STAYED FIVE DAYS. IN ADDITION TO
7 ATTENDING THE INAUGURATION, THEY VISITED THE UNITED STATES
8 CAPITOL, THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
9 AND THE SMITHSONIAN. THEY WERE INTERVIEWED ON TELEVISION
10 BEFORE THEY LEFT AND AFTER THEY RETURNED. SO WE AT THIS TIME
11 PRESENT A SCROLL TO EACH OF THEM. FIRST DEANDRA JOHNSON.
12 [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN KAREN INGUENO? DID I SAY THAT RIGHT?
13 INGUENO, AND INGUENO AND INGUENO. [APPLAUSE.] JAMAL ALEXANDER.
14 I CAN DO THAT ONE REALLY WELL. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] MALINA
15 MALAPUE. SORRY. GAVE IT MY BEST SHOT. AND THEN JESSICA PESIDU.
16 [APPLAUSE.] THAT'S A REAL TEST FOR ME, HUH? ALL RIGHT. I'M
17 GOING TO ASK DR. DARLINE ROBLES TO JOIN US AND PRESENT A
18 SCROLL TO THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION. WE'LL GET ALL THE KIDS
19 AROUND US US.

20

21 **DR. DARLINE ROBLES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I ALSO WANT TO
22 AGAIN CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS. THEY HAD A TOUGH COMPETITION
23 WRITING AN ESSAY. AND THESE SIX INDIVIDUALS TRULY SURPASSED
24 MANY OF OUR EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE THEY WROTE SOME VERY HEARTFUL
25 ESSAYS. AND THEY HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I WAS PRIVILEGED



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1 TO BE AT THE INAUGURATION AND TRULY IT WAS A LIFE CHANGING
2 EXPERIENCE FOR ME PERSONALLY BUT THE BEST PART WAS
3 EXPERIENCING WITH IT THE STUDENTS HERE. THEY VISITED DIFFERENT
4 MONUMENTS BUT THEY ALSO HAD A SPECIAL VISIT WITH JUSTICE
5 SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR. WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME MEETING HER, AND
6 EXPRESSING THEIR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR HER AND EVERYONE. BUT
7 THIS EVENT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE TREMENDOUS
8 COOPERATION AND INSPIRATION BY MANY OF THE L.A.C.O.E. STAFF. I
9 WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO DR. STEVE FISHER, WHO
10 JOINED L.A.C.O.E. IN 2008, IT WAS HIS DREAM TO HAVE OUR
11 STUDENTS ATTEND AND HE MADE IT POSSIBLE. ALSO DR. MICHELLE
12 HERZOG WHO WROTE A HISTORY GRANT SO THAT WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
13 TO HAVE ALL OF OUR TEACHERS ATTEND, FREE OF COST TO THEM AS
14 WELL. AND ALSO THE PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS AND ALSO A SPECIAL
15 THANKS TO DAVID FLORES IN THE DIVISION OF ALTERNATIVE ED FOR
16 MAKING THIS HAPPEN AND KATHY CORELLA AND OUR OTHER
17 ADMINISTRATORS. BUT ALSO TO WINNIE JACKSON, A FORMER
18 L.A.C.O.E. COUNTY OFFICE EMPLOYEE, WHO MADE ALL THE PEOPLE AT
19 THE T.V. STATIONS GIVE OUR STUDENTS SPECIAL RECOGNITION. SO IT
20 REALLY WAS AN ENTIRE EFFORT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR OUR
21 STUDENTS. AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR
22 SUPPORT OF THIS AND INVITING US TO BE HERE AND RECOGNIZED.
23 AGAIN, THANK YOU. AND IT WAS TRULY AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER
24 BY ALL OF US. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS. YOU STARVED? NO. OKAY.
2 ANYWAY, I WANT TO THANK THEM AGAIN. AS DARLINE MENTIONED,
3 DANNY HERNANDEZ, KATHY CORELLA, MICHELLE HERZOG, DR. FISHER. I
4 DON'T KNOW IF YOU ADDED THE FACT THAT HE ALSO ARRANGED, I
5 GUESS, FOR LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ATTEND THE
6 2004 INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND 2006
7 INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. DAY BEFORE SHE
8 MENTIONED WINNIE, SO I KNOW THEY'RE ALL OUT THERE AND STAND SO
9 WE CAN GIVE YOU A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. PLEASE DO.
10 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NEXT GIVES ME
11 GREAT PLEASURE TO LAUNCH THE FIRST ANNUAL COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM. LAST EARTH DAY, AND AS
13 YOU KNOW TOMORROW IS EARTH DAY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASKED
14 OUR C.E.O. TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. WE
15 RECOGNIZE THAT WHILE AWARDS EXISTED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC
16 ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUCH AS GREEN BUILDINGS, WATER AND RECYCLING
17 PROGRAMS, THERE WASN'T A MEANS TO DISTINGUISH THE DIVERSE
18 LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE
19 GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM HELPS PROMOTE GREEN PRACTICES
20 IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT ENHANCES THE COUNTY'S ROLE AS A LEADER BY
21 RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS
22 BY DESERVING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. TODAY WE ARE GOING
23 TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THOSE EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT
24 THE RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO
25 ENGAGE AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO THESE BEST PRACTICES. THE FIRST



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1 GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD GOES TO A BUSINESS INTERIOR REMOVAL
2 SPECIALIST OF SOUTH GATE. THIS PRIVATE COMPANY HAS MOVED ITS
3 BUSINESS PRACTICES TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. CARLOS HERRERA
4 AND RICHARD LETT ARE LEADERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S INTERIOR
5 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION SERVICES. WHAT IS EVEN MORE
6 AMAZING IS THEIR ABILITY TO MAXIMIZE THE RECYCLING OF
7 MATERIALS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE SUCH AS DRYWALL,
8 CARPET, CEILING TILE AND MANUFACTURED LUMBER. THEIR EFFORTS
9 EXTEND THE LIFE OF EXISTING LANDFILLS, DECREASE THE NEED FOR
10 NEW LANDFILLS AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL
11 IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS. IN ADDITION, THE
12 DONATIONS MADE BY RECYCLING FURNITURE AND OTHER MATERIALS
13 REINTRODUCES NEARLY 100 TONS OF MATERIAL BACK INTO THE
14 COMMUNITY. ACCEPTING THE GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD TODAY WE HAVE
15 CARLOS AND RICHARD. WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL AND SAY
16 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] THE NEXT GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD
17 GOES TO GRAND VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MANHATTAN BEACH, FOR ITS
18 PLANET PALS PROJECT. SEVERAL MOTHERS AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
19 CREATED PLANET PAL'S TRASH-FREE TUESDAYS. THE STUDENTS BRING
20 THEIR LUNCHES IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS THAT DO NOT GENERATE
21 TRASH. THE SCHOOL ALSO INTRODUCED COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING AND
22 SET UP A RECYCLING PROGRAM JUST FOR STYROFOAM TRAYS. THE
23 SCHOOL WENT FROM FOUR HEFTY BAGS OF TRASH PER DAY--

24

25 **SPEAKER:** 40.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH, THANKS, MOM. 40 HEFTY BAGS OF TRASH

3 PER DAY, SORRY ABOUT THAT, TO A RECORD LOW OF ONLY ONE HALF

4 BAG OF TRASH FOR 700 STUDENTS. TRASH-FREE TUESDAYS RAISES

5 AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF REDUCING, REUSING AND

6 RECYCLING AMONG THE STUDENTS. THE PROGRAM IS EXPANDING TO

7 SEVEN OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND A HIGH SCHOOL. AND SO

8 ACCEPTING THE AWARD TODAY, WE HAVE SUZANNE CRUTCHMORE AND

9 SHAYLA KIRKPATRICK, LISA TOPICH. AND KIM MARTIN.

10 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] THE NEXT GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD

11 GOES TO OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, CITIZENS FOR A

12 CLEANER CITY. CHARLES PAYNE AND TODD HAYS, RESIDENTS OF

13 TORRANCE, ACCEPTED THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE TO PITCH IN AND

14 CONTRIBUTE TO A SAFE, CLEAN AND WELL-MAINTAINED CITY. THEY SET

15 UP A VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP PROGRAM IN OLD TORRANCE. THEY BEGAN A

16 BI-MONTHLY SATURDAY CLEANUP DAY CONCENTRATING ON THE HIGHEST

17 PAYOFF AREA SUCH AS ENTRANCES AND EXITS THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

18 VOLUNTEERS RANGE IN AGE FROM 6 TO 85, AND THEY'RE INVOLVED IN

19 REMOVING DEBRIS AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. THEY HAVE REMOVED

20 OVER TWO TONS OF DEBRIS AND RECYCLED ITEMS SUCH AS ALUMINUM

21 CANS. THE COST BENEFIT TO THE CITY IS EVIDENT BY THE NUMBER OF

22 VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED, FREEING UP CITY EMPLOYEES TO TAKE

23 CARE OF OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THE CLEANER AND MORE

24 DESIRABLE BRINGS IN MORE CONSUMERS AND VISITORS TO SUPPORT

25 BUSINESSES, AND PROVIDES A BETTER AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR



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1 RESIDENTS. ACCEPTING THE GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD, WE HAVE
2 CHARLES PAYNE AND TODD. CONGRATULATIONS TO CITIZENS FOR A
3 CLEANER CITY. [APPLAUSE. THE NEXT GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD GOES
4 TO THE CITY OF PASADENA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
5 FOR THEIR ONLINE GREEN TRAINING PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WAS
6 CREATED TO PROMOTE THE CITY'S GREEN VISION IN A FUN AND
7 INSPIRING FORMAT. THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE INTERNET-BASED
8 DESIGN, PASADENA'S 1,800 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES RECEIVED TRAINING
9 ON THE GREEN CITY ACTION PLAN WHILE RECEIVING INSPIRATIONAL
10 AND PRACTICAL TIPS FOR GOING GREEN AT WORK AND HOME. THE CITY
11 BENEFITS BY HAVING A WORKFORCE EDUCATED AND ENGAGED IN
12 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. VISITORS WHO COMPLETE THE GREEN
13 TRAINING GAIN KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AVAILABLE LOCAL RESOURCES,
14 SERVICES AND REBATES THAT WILL HELP THEM REDUCE THEIR UTILITY
15 BILLS, ELIMINATE WASTE AND CUT THEIR TRANSPORTATION COSTS. THE
16 CITY'S GREEN WEB PAGE RECEIVED 30,000 HITS DURING 2008 MAKING
17 IT THE MOST POPULAR SITE FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
18 DEPARTMENT. ACCEPTING THE GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD IS URSULA
19 SCHMIDT, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM'S PROJECT
20 COORDINATOR. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF PASADENA. MIKE, DO
21 YOU WANT TO JOIN ME IN THIS PHOTO, PLEASE? CITY OF PASADENA?
22 [APPLAUSE.] THE NEXT GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD GOES TO THE CITY
23 OF MONROVIA FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL ACCORDS. MONROVIA CREATED
24 A GREEN TEAM COMPRISED OF CITY STAFF FROM EACH DEPARTMENT. THE
25 TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING GREEN PROJECTS AND



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1 POLICIES IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS, THE CITY REDUCED LIGHTING
2 ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 20 PERCENT, REPLACED REGULAR LIGHT BULBS
3 WITH COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS AND INSTALLED COOL ROOFS AT
4 THEIR HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, REDUCING
5 AIR POLLUTION AND SMOG FORMATION, INSTALLATION OF 22 WATERLESS
6 URINALS IN CITY FACILITIES LED TO ANNUAL SAVINGS OF 800,000
7 GALLONS OF WATER. THEIR NEWLY BUILT ENERGY EFFICIENT
8 DESIGNATED LIBRARY WILL PROVIDE AN IMPROVED WORKING
9 ENVIRONMENT FOR LIBRARY PATRONS AND STAFF AND SET THE
10 PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION TRENDS IN THE CITY.

11 ACCEPTING THE GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD IS MAYOR ELECT MARY ANN
12 LUTZ, SCOTT ACHOL, CITY MANAGER. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY
13 OF MONROVIA. MIKE, DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US OVER HERE, PLEASE?

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, THIS IS THE NEW MAYOR FROM MONROVIA.
16 CONGRATULATIONS. WHEN WE DID THIS A YEAR AGO, WE WEREN'T SURE
17 WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT WE ARE THRILLED WITH OUR
18 RECIPIENTS AND THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED AND LOOK
19 FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S LEADERSHIP AWARD. SO WE WANT TO GIVE
20 ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD
21 WINNERS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I HAVE SOME VERY PATIENT YOUNG
22 LADIES. I KNOW THEY REALLY WANTED TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL
23 EARLIER. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I'M GOING TO ASK BOB ICHIMURA, HEAD
24 COACH FOR THE DIAMOND BAR GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE. THIS YEAR
25 THE DIAMOND BAR GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE IS CELEBRATING THEIR



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1 40TH ANNIVERSARY. THE LEAGUE WAS ORIGINALLY INCORPORATED IN
2 1969 AS THE DIAMOND HEIGHTS SOFTBALL LEAGUE REPRESENTED BY THE
3 THEN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF DIAMOND BAR AND ROLAND HEIGHTS.
4 OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS, THOUSANDS OF GIRLS FROM AGE 5 THROUGH
5 HIGH SCHOOL HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE. MANY
6 GIRLS GO ON TO PLAY ON THEIR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS. LAST YEAR A
7 FORMER PLAYER FROM THE LEAGUE REPRESENTED ARIZONA STATE
8 UNIVERSITY IN THE N.C.A.A. COLLEGE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES.
9 DIAMOND BAR GIRLS' SOFTBALL HAS ALWAYS HAD AN OPEN
10 REGISTRATION WHEREBY ANYBODY CAN REGISTER AND ALL GIRLS ARE
11 GUARANTEED-- GOOD HANDS, GOOD HANDS-- ARE GUARANTEED TO PLAY
12 EACH GAME. THE LEAGUE STILL DRAWS ITS PLAYERS FROM DIAMOND BAR
13 AND ROLAND HEIGHTS. THE LEAGUE IS WELL-KNOWN HERE IN SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA FOR HOSTING THE FATHER'S DAY ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT
15 WHERE UP TO 72 ALL-STAR TEAMS REPRESENTING GIRLS 6 THROUGH
16 HIGH SCHOOL COMPETE. THIS YEAR APPROXIMATELY 200 GIRLS
17 REPRESENTED OVER 15 TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE SPRING SEASON.
18 AS WITH ANY OTHER YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE, THE DIAMOND BAR GIRLS'
19 SOFTBALL LEAGUE IS RUN BY PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO DEDICATE
20 HUNDREDS OF HOURS TO THE LEAGUE. TODAY THE LEAGUE IS BEING
21 REPRESENTED BY FOUR MEMBERS OF THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A
22 TEAM MOM AND DAUGHTERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY'S
23 TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK TODAY. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND
24 MY COLLEAGUES, WE JUST WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON 40
25 WONDERFUL YEARS OF THE DIAMOND BALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE. BUT I



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1 THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE LIVES THAT THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND
2 PARENTS AND COACHES HAVE TOUCHED OVER THE YEARS, I KNOW THE
3 GIRLS APPRECIATE IT. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE CITIZENS OF OUR
4 GREAT COUNTY APPRECIATE IT. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
5 ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THAT?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO MR. BOB ICHIMURA IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF
8 OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND SECTION 8 IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, SO WE
9 APPRECIATE THE GOOD JOB BOB DOES, AS WELL. PLUS HE LIKES
10 LEGOLAND.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WAIT A MINUTE ALSO. THEY GAVE ME A BALL
13 SIGNED BY ALL THE GIRLS. HOW'S THAT? YEAH.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT, ANDY JACOBS, HE'S ALSO A
16 DEPUTY SHERIFF, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR
17 RECOGNIZING THE GIRLS. THE FIRST 20 YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE,
18 DIAMOND BAR WAS AN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY, SO ALL THE
19 DECISIONS THAT YOU MAKE HERE, YOU'VE PROVIDED US WITH THE
20 PARKS THAT OUR GIRLS CAN PLAY IN. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE COUNTY,
21 WE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY OF OUR CITY PARKS THAT WE PLAY OUR GAMES
22 AND PRACTICE IN OUR FIELD SPACE AND THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. SO
23 THE GIRLS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD. AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO
24 THANK THE PARENTS WHO ARE HERE AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
25 WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO THROW THIS LEAGUE



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1 TOGETHER. AND I SEE CAPTAIN HALM OVER HERE. WE ENJOYED PLAYING
2 YOU AGAIN IN ALL STARS AGAIN THIS YEAR. SO THANK YOU.
3 [LAUGHTER.]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE WON LAST YEAR. THANKS. ALL RIGHT.
6 HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO SCHOOL. [LAUGHTER.] DON'T BE LATE.
7 THEY'RE GOING OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE ALSO HAVE FROM THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT TODAY, CAPTAIN DAVID HALM, DEPUTY JAMES CHONG AND
11 SERGEANT MARK SODECKY, MIKE LEON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RESERVE
12 FORCES BUREAU, SERGEANT TAPPAN ZEE. THIS IS A TIME WHEN WE
13 WANT TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR DOING OUTSTANDING WORK WHO
14 IS THE RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR, AND THAT'S PHILIP CHAN, WHO
15 IS ALSO A DEPUTY OF HEALTH IN MY OFFICE. [APPLAUSE.] PHILIP IS
16 EXTRA SPECIAL. THAT'S HIM. FROM RESERVE DEPUTY, HEALTH DEPUTY,
17 GETTING A PH.D., IN, WHAT IN PEPPERDINE? U.S.C.? UH-OH. U.S.C.
18 IS GOING TO FOLLOW. AND HE STILL HAS TIME. HE DOES A SUPERB
19 JOB IN OUR OFFICE. BUT HE WAS RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR. HE
20 WORKS OUT OF THE WALNUT-DIAMOND BAR STATION, WHICH IS A 45.2
21 MILE AREA THAT ENCOMPASSES THE CONTRACT CITIES OF DIAMOND BAR,
22 WALNUT AND THE UNINCORPORATED ROLAND HEIGHTS AREA. HE PLAYS AN
23 INTEGRAL ROLE IN THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORK. HE HELPS TO
24 SUPPLEMENT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MANPOWER. HE TEACHES THE
25 SELF-DEFENSE TO A CLASSROOM OF 20 EXPLORERS, PROVIDING



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1 SECURITY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. IN ADDITION TO HIS REGULAR
2 ASSIGNMENTS AS A REGULAR RESERVE OFFICER. SO, PHILIP, THANK
3 YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE YOU
4 WORKING IN OUR OFFICE. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HONORING
7 PHILIP. WE APPRECIATE THAT. PHILIP WAS ALSO JUST RECOGNIZED
8 THIS PAST WEEK FOR BEING THE RESERVE OF THE YEAR WITH THE
9 WALNUT-DIAMOND BAR SHERIFF'S STATION AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE
10 BOOSTER CLUB. PHILIP GIVES TO THE COMMUNITY ALMOST ON A DAILY
11 BASIS IN THE RESERVE PROGRAM. AND FROM THE DAY THAT SHERIFF
12 BACA TOOK OFFICE, HE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE VOLUNTEER
13 PROGRAM WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO
14 THE SUCCESS AND THE MISSION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO
15 I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS MINUTE TO PUT A RECRUITMENT AD OUT
16 THERE. AND ANYBODY THAT WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AS A STATION
17 VOLUNTEER OR A RESERVE OR AN EXPLORER, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU.
18 THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT ALL OF THE WONDERFUL
19 VOLUNTEERS THAT WE HAVE. SO, AGAIN, TO THE BOARD, THANK YOU
20 VERY MUCH FOR HONORING PHILIP. BUT WE HAVE A GREAT RESERVE,
21 EXPLORER AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT PHILIP'S A PART OF. AND
22 THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT OPERATE WITHOUT THEM. SO THANK YOU
23 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PHILIP?



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2 **SPEAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO PHILIP. ONE
3 OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY IMPRESSED ME, THE RESERVE COMPANY
4 FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS HAS GONE OUT TO LANTERMAN
5 DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER AND GIVEN GIFT BAGS TO THE RESIDENTS AT
6 LANTERMAN. AND PHILIP HAS PLAYED SANTA CLAUS THE LAST TWO
7 YEARS AND DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB INTERACTING WITH THE CLIENTS
8 AND REALLY JUST IMPRESSES ALL OF US. SO ON BEHALF OF THE
9 RESERVE COMPANY, THANK YOU, PHILIP. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **PHILIP CHAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M HONORED, BUT MOST OF ALL
12 I'M HUMBLLED. HUMBLLED BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY MORE RESERVES
13 THAT DESERVE THIS AWARD MORE THAN I. I'M NOT GOING TO ACCEPT
14 THIS AWARD FOR MYSELF, BUT RATHER I'LL ACCEPT IT ON BEHALF OF
15 ALL THE RESERVES AND WALNUT AND DIAMOND BAR SHERIFF'S STATION.
16 BUT I DO WANT TO SAY AS A RESERVE DEPUTY, WE DON'T DEVOTE OUR
17 ENERGY AND EFFORTS TO THE \$1 CHECK WE RECEIVE EVERY YEAR. AND
18 THAT'S PRE-TAX. [LAUGHTER.] BUT RATHER WE DO IT FOR THE MEN
19 AND WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR HEROES, OUR ROLE MODELS,
20 SERGEANT STEVE WHEATCROFT, SERGEANT MARK SELBECKI, CAPTAIN
21 DAVID HALM, DEPUTY JAMES CHANG, SERGEANT TAPPAN ZEE, AND ALSO
22 L.A.P.D. RESERVE OFFICER RANDY TOHARO, MEN AND WOMEN WHO
23 LITERALLY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO MAKE SURE PUBLIC
24 SAFETY IS SECURED. BUT FOR ME ON A PERSONAL NOTE, THE BIGGEST
25 DRIVER FOR ME TO JOIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE RESERVES



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1 IS SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, WHO HE HIMSELF IS A PASADENA
2 POLICE RESERVE OFFICER. FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW, ASIDE FROM
3 BEING THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR, HE'S THE LIVING, BREATHING
4 JACK BOWER AT THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION.
5 [LAUGHTER.] I'VE HAD THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF SERVING UNDER
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR FOUR YEARS AS HEALTH DEPUTY AT THIS
7 POINT, BUT ALREADY YOU'VE GIVEN ME A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.
8 THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE WALNUT DIAMOND BAR SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT. AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THIS
10 WONDERFUL BOARD PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SMALL OVERSIGHT ON MY PART. SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE YOU HAVE--

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE LITTLE ANGIE, WHO IS 24 WEEKS OLD, A
16 LITTLE TERRIER. LITTLE ANGIE, IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. 562-728-
17 4644. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE
18 ANGIE. SHE'S A LITTLE, HAPPY LITTLE CRITTER. HOW ABOUT YOU?
19 YOU LIKE? 24 WEEKS OLD? WON'T GET ANY BIGGER? OKAY. WE'LL GET
20 YOU A HOME, OKAY.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU ARE
23 FIRST UP.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, IF I COULD DO MY
2 ONE ADJOURNMENT THAT I HAVE. I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO ADJOURN
3 IN MEMORY OF MR. TOMO MUKAI, HE'S THE BELOVED FATHER OF RON
4 MUKAI. THE MUKAI FAMILY ARE VERY WELL-KNOWN IN EAST L.A.
5 THEY'VE HAD BUSINESSES AND PROPERTIES THERE. THEY'RE LONG
6 TIME, VERY ESTABLISHED JAPANESE FAMILY IN THE COMMUNITY. WE
7 RESPECT NOT ONLY THE WORK THEY DO BUT THE KIND OF SERVICE
8 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY'VE MADE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. I'D LIKE
9 TO EXTEND THAT WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE
10 ENTIRE MUKAI FAMILY.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE ITEM I'D LIKE TO CALL UP IS I GUESS ITEM NO.
15 1.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
18 SPEAKERS ON THIS.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW, MEMBERS, THIS IS A MOTION THAT WE HAVE PUT
21 IN PLACE ASKING THE LEGISLATURE TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT. THERE'S
22 SOME LEGISLATION HERE GOING ON WITH REGARD TO THE A.Q.M.D.
23 SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW AND MAY NOT KNOW. BUT FOR THE MOST PART,
24 THERE IS A BILL, S.B.686 [696] THAT STEMS OUT OF A RECENT
25 DECISION THAT WAS MADE BY THE COURTS TO STOP KIND OF THE



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1 ACTIONS THAT WERE GOING ON BY THE A.Q.M.D. THE A.Q.M.D. HAS
2 BEEN INVOLVED IN A PROCESS OF CIRCUMVENTING THE C.E.Q.A.
3 PROCESS IN OTHER AREAS. AND AGAIN WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
4 AND THEY WERE RULED-- THEY WERE FORCED NOW TO GO BACK TO DO A
5 FULL REVIEW, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. AND OF COURSE THAT HAS
6 CREATED QUITE A PROBLEM. BECAUSE SINCE THEN, THE A.Q.M.D. HAS
7 EXTENDED MOST OF THE PROJECTS INCLUDING MANY OF THE PROJECTS
8 THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN THE PAST WITH THE IDEA THAT THEY
9 WERE GOING TO LOOK FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF. WHILE I APPRECIATE
10 AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING LEGISLATIVELY
11 BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY, MANY PROJECTS, INCLUDING MANY OF OUR
12 FIRE STATION, HOSPITALS OR PUBLIC PROJECTS THAT SHOULD MOVE
13 FORWARD, AND WE ARE WILLING TO DO IT WITHIN THOSE NARROW
14 FRAMEWORK, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OPENING UP ALL OF THESE
15 PROJECTS TO NO C.E.Q.A. REQUIREMENTS OR ANY ABBREVIATED FORM
16 THEREOF. CONSEQUENTLY I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO TAKE A POSITION
17 ON SOME LEGISLATION THAT IS GOING THROUGH THE BOARD TO THE
18 LEGISLATURE. AND WE'VE SUBMITTED A MOTION THAT HAS BEEN
19 AMENDED SINCE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF ALL OF YOU HAVE IT BEFORE
20 YOU, BUT IT BASICALLY IS TO OPPOSE S.B.696, WHICH IS A ROD
21 WRIGHT BILL, UNLESS IT'S AMENDED TO REMOVE THE BROAD AND
22 CATEGORICAL CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTION FOR
23 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA [SOUTH COAST] AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
24 DISTRICT. AND SECONDLY THAT WE BE DIRECTED TO SUPPORT THE
25 LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES A NARROW AND TAILORED EXEMPTIONS TO



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1 IMMEDIATELY ALLOW THE ESSENTIAL PUBLIC PROJECTS, SUCH AS
2 HOSPITALS AND SHERIFF'S STATIONS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT AS
3 WELL AS SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO GAIN THE
4 A.Q.M.D. CREDITS. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING BATTLE. AND FOR
5 WHATEVER REASON, THE A.Q.M.D. CHANGED THEIR RULES. AND ALL OF
6 A SUDDEN WE'RE GIVING OUT THESE AIR QUALITY CREDITS SORT OF
7 ALL OVER THE PLACE. AND THE JUDGE RULED, OF COURSE, THAT THAT
8 WAS INAPPROPRIATE. AND WHILE WE AGREE WITH THE JUDGE, BECAUSE
9 WE'RE VERY CONCERNED THAT WHILE THERE ARE AIR QUALITY
10 EMISSIONS CREDITS AVAILABLE AND THERE'S AN INTEREST TO TRY AND
11 GET RID OF ALL THE DIRTY POWER PLANTS THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT
12 THE REGION, AT THE SAME TIME WHEN YOU ARE HANDING OUT THESE
13 EMISSION CREDITS WILLY-NILLY WITHOUT ANY KIND OF PROCESS OR
14 FORM, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN
15 ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE. AND THAT IS THAT POWER PLANTS, ALL OF
16 THE DIRTY EMISSIONS ARE GOING TO BE LOCATED IN JUST ONE AREA.
17 SO THIS REALLY MERITS A REVIEW COMPLETELY AND THOROUGHLY BY
18 THE A.Q.M.D., WHICH IS WHAT IT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO DO, THAT IT
19 BE SOMETHING THAT IS DONE IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER, THAT WE
20 HAVE THE KIND OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION THAT WE
21 KNOW EXACTLY HOW THESE CREDITS ARE BEING ALLOCATED; AND
22 CERTAINLY THAT C.E.Q.A. NEEDS TO BE A PRIMARY COMPONENT OF ANY
23 OF THESE REVIEWS, IN PARTICULAR WHEN IT COMES TO THESE LARGE
24 EMISSIONS AND CREDIT TRADING THAT GOES ON BACK AND FORTH. SO
25 THAT IS A MOTION THAT IS BEFORE YOU. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE



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1 VARIOUS SPEAKERS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AGAIN, WE
2 ARE PROPOSING, AS YOU SEE, THE AMENDMENT ON THE MOTION TO
3 START TAKING A POSITION. WE IN THE REGION ARE MOST AFFECTED.
4 THE AIR POLLUTION WITHIN THE BASIN IS UNBELIEVABLE. IN MY
5 DISTRICT ALONE, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE KIND OF PROBLEMS THAT WE
6 HAVE WITH ASTHMA ALL ALONG THE 710 CORRIDOR AND OTHER AREAS,
7 WE ARE VERY, VERY CONCERNED. AND WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THIS
8 CLOSELY. AND WE'RE VERY CONCERNED THAT IF WE CANNOT HAVE
9 LEGISLATION THAT IS GOING TO PROVIDE THE PROTECTIONS, THEN WE
10 ARE GOING TO BE IN A SITUATION THAT IS GOING TO BE-- THAT IS
11 GOING TO OVERBURDEN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY MY
12 DISTRICT AND I THINK ANY INNER CITY COMMUNITY. SO CONSEQUENTLY
13 I HAVE THAT MOTION BEFORE US THAT WE OPPOSE, UNLESS AMENDED,
14 ON THAT LEGISLATION.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SPEAKERS. WE HAVE
19 SPEAKERS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK MAYOR KELLY MCDOWELL
20 TO JOIN US AND FRANK VENTI, SHARON RUBALCAVA, AND MIKE
21 CARROLL, FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS. AND AS YOU'RE FINISHED, I WOULD
22 ASK YOU TO RETURN TO YOUR SEATS AND I WILL CONTINUE TO CALL
23 OTHERS UP. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN, GO RIGHT AHEAD.
24 IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND WE'LL TURN THE TIMER ON.

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1 **MAYOR KELLY MCDOWELL:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE
2 MEMBERS I'M KELLY MCDOWELL, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EL
3 SEGUNDO. AND MY CITY COUNCIL, MY COLLEAGUES AND I A FEW WEEKS
4 BACK UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL
5 696 SPONSORED BY A.Q.M.D. AND CARRIED BY SENATOR WRIGHT
6 BECAUSE THE COURT DECISION THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE IS
7 HAVING A CRIPPLING ECONOMIC EFFECT, NOT JUST ON MY CITY BUT
8 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. BUT BY EXAMPLE, IN THE CITY OF EL
9 SEGUNDO, THE N.R.G. POWER PLANT, AND THEY HAVE SPOKES PEOPLE
10 HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR SITUATION DIRECTLY, HAS A
11 MODERNIZATION EFFORT UNDERWAY TO BOTH MAKE IT A CLEANER PLANT
12 AND TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY TO SERVE THE POWER NEEDS OF
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THOSE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO A
14 SCREECHING HALT BY THE COURT'S RULING. THAT PROJECT ALONE IS
15 ALMOST \$700 MILLION IN VALUE, REPRESENTS A THOUSAND
16 CONSTRUCTION JOBS ALL BY ITSELF AND WOULD HELP TO SERVE THE
17 POWER NEEDS THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SO DESPERATELY NEEDS
18 FILLED. ADDITIONALLY, AT LEAST THREE DATA CENTERS IN EL
19 SEGUNDO CAN'T MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET PERMITS FOR
20 THEIR BACK UP GENERATORS, WHICH ONLY IN EMERGENCIES WOULD EVER
21 BE USED TO BACK UP THE POWER SUPPLY NORMALLY FURNISHED BY THE
22 UTILITY. THOSE DATA CENTERS CAN BRING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
23 OF REVENUE TO THE CITY IN THE FORM OF UTILITY USERS' TAX. AND,
24 AGAIN, IT'S ALL ABOUT JOBS. SO THE REASON THAT WE SUPPORT
25 SENATE BILL 696 SO STRONGLY, AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO



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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, CAN'T GO ALONG WITH HER MOTION, IS BECAUSE
2 OF THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS THAT THE COURT RULING IS HAVING RIGHT
3 NOW TODAY ON THE ECONOMY OF EL SEGUNDO WHERE 85,000 PEOPLE
4 WORK EVERY DAY AND ON THE ENTIRE AIR DISTRICT. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? AND I'LL CALL UP DAVID
8 PETTIT. GO AHEAD, FRANK.

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10 **FRANK VENTI:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU
11 FOR ALLOWING ME THE TIME TO SPEAK. I AM HERE REPRESENTING-- I
12 AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONTERREY PARK, BENJAMIN "FRANK"
13 VENTI, BUT I'M ALSO REPRESENTING THE INDEPENDENT CITIES
14 ASSOCIATION. AT OUR RECENT MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
15 HEARD THE ISSUES IN REGARDS TO WHY S.B.696 SHOULD BE
16 SUPPORTED. WE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT S.B.696 AND
17 UNDERSTAND THAT THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS
18 52 CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OVER 7 MILLION
19 PEOPLE IN THAT AREA. ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT RIGHT NOW, THERE'S
20 11 PERCENT PLUS UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, AND THE COUNTY OF
21 LOS ANGELES AND SOME OF OUR CITIES IN THE INDEPENDENT CITIES
22 ASSOCIATION ARE SEEING UNEMPLOYMENT RATES UP TO 13, 13.5
23 PERCENT, THAT IS HORRIBLE. AND SO IN LOOKING AND DEBATING WHY
24 WE SUPPORTED S.B.696, WE FEEL THAT THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
25 DISTRICT HAS DONE ITS JOB IN BEING ABLE TO GET OUT THERE IN



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1 MAKING SURE THAT THESE JOBS ARE PROTECTED AND THAT THE AIR
2 QUALITY STILL HAS THESE REGULATIONS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED.
3 THERE'S OVER, I BELIEVE, THREE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CREDITS
4 RIGHT NOW THAT ARE BEING HELD UP BECAUSE OF THE JUDGE'S
5 DECISION. SO WE ARE HERE TODAY, I AM HERE TODAY AS THE
6 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION BUT ALSO
7 AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONTERREY PARK. THE CITY OF
8 MONTERREY PARK HAS ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT 696. WE
9 ARE AWARE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S AMENDMENT TO IT, BUT EVEN
10 WITH THAT AMENDMENT, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ONE CITY THAT WANTS TO
11 WITHDRAW THE SUPPORT OF 696. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS SHARON HERE? NO? SHE HAD TO
14 LEAVE? OKAY. I WOULD ASK THAT DARRYL MOLINA JOIN US NEXT? MIKE
15 CARROLL

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17 **MIKE CARROLL:** I'M MIKE CARROLL. I'M WITH THE LAW FIRM OF
18 LATHAM AND WATKINS. I REPRESENT DOZENS OF THE FACILITIES THAT
19 ARE AFFECTED BY THE LAWSUIT AND THE CURRENT PERMIT MORATORIUM
20 WHICH S.B.696 IS INTEND TO ADDRESS. ACCORDING TO THE AIR
21 DISTRICT, THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER 3,000 FACILITIES WITHIN THE
22 FOUR-COUNTY REGION, THE MAJORITY OF THOSE BEING IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY, AND 4,600, OVER 4,600 PERMITS, AFFECTED BY THE PERMIT
24 MORATORIUM THAT'S IN PLACE, WHICH S.B.696 IS INTENDED TO
25 ADDRESS. IN RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST, WE



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1 RECEIVED A LIST OF THOSE FACILITIES. I'M OBVIOUSLY NOT GOING
2 TO READ ALL OF THEM BUT I WANT TO READ A HANDFUL BECAUSE I
3 THINK SOME OF THEM WILL BE FAMILIAR TO YOU. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 SANITATION DISTRICT, DOZENS OF PERMITS HELD UP. LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
6 DEPARTMENT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY I.S.D. NETWORK SERVICES
7 DEPARTMENT. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES. CITY OF
8 L.A. HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT. CITY OF L.A. BUREAU OF
9 SANITATION. CITY OF L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND THE LIST
10 GOES ON AND ON. THE NATURE OF THE PERMITS THAT ARE BEING HELD
11 UP INCLUDE SOIL REMEDIATION SYSTEMS, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
12 SYSTEMS, WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, LANDFILL GAS CONTROL
13 SYSTEMS, SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES, GREEN WASTE RECYCLING
14 FACILITIES, WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES. MANY, MANY OF THE
15 PERMITS THAT ARE BEING HELD UP ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
16 PERMITS AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PROJECTS THAT CANNOT GO
17 FORWARD UNTIL THE PERMIT MORATORIUM HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. NOW,
18 THE OPPONENTS OF S.B.696 ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT A
19 PARTICULAR PROJECT, IT'S THE SOUTHEAST REGION ENERGY PROJECT,
20 A POWER PLANT PROPOSED IN THE CITY OF VERNON. AND THAT'S FINE.
21 OF COURSE EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO OPPOSE AND EXPRESS
22 CONCERNS ABOUT A PARTICULAR PROJECT. BUT INSTEAD OF ADDRESSING
23 THEIR CONCERNS TO THAT PROJECT SPECIFICALLY, THE PROJECT
24 OPPONENTS HAVE ATTACKED THE DISTRICT'S PERMITTING SYSTEM. THE
25 RESULT OF THAT HAS BEEN THE OUTCOME OF THE LAWSUIT WHICH HAS



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1 CAUSED COLLATERAL DAMAGE WHICH IS VERY BROAD, AFFECTING
2 THOUSANDS OF FACILITIES, THOUSANDS OF WORKERS, BILLIONS OF
3 DOLLARS IN INVESTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTS. AND SO MANY OF
4 THESE PROJECTS ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PROJECTS. IF YOU
5 ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TODAY, YOU UNDERCUT WHAT IS THE BEST
6 EFFORT ON THE HORIZON FOR ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM, LIFTING
7 THE PROJECT MORATORIUM AND ALLOWING THESE PROJECTS TO GO
8 FORWARD. LET ME MAKE IT VERY CLEAR, THERE IS NOTHING IN 696
9 THAT EXEMPTS ANY OF THESE PROJECTS FROM C.E.Q.A. REVIEW. ALL
10 THAT GETS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. REVIEW IS THE DISTRICT'S ACTION
11 OF MAKING THOSE OFFSETS AVAILABLE. SO ANY ENVIRONMENTAL
12 IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROJECTS, UNLESS THEY'RE
13 OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A., PURSUANT TO EXISTING LAW,
14 WOULD GO THROUGH A FULL BLOWN C.E.Q.A. REVIEW BEFORE THEY
15 COULD BE PERMITTED. I WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT NONE
16 OF THE PROJECTS WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. REVIEW PURSUANT
17 TO S.B.696. SO WE URGE YOU IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE TO
18 NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION TODAY AND TO SUPPORT
19 S.B.696. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANGELA JOHNSON MESZAROS. IF
22 YOU WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE. NEXT?

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24 **DAVID PETTIT:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID
25 PETTIT. I'M A LAWYER WITH THE NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE



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1 COUNCIL. I'M HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
2 MOTION. THE S.B.696, IN MY OPINION, WILL NOT CREATE A SINGLE
3 NEW JOB, WILL NOT HELP A SINGLE SMALL BUSINESS, WILL NOT HELP
4 ANY OF THE WHAT MR. CARROLL CALLED ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
5 FACILITIES THAT ARE DESERVING OF PERMITS. AND THE REASON FOR
6 THAT IS THAT THE DISTRICT'S PERMIT BANK IS OVERDRAWN. THE
7 DISTRICT HAS RAIDED ITS BANK IN ORDER, IN PART, TO SELL THESE
8 VALUABLE AND SCARCE PERMITS TO BIG BUSINESSES: POWER
9 COMPANIES. THEY HAD INTENDED TO SELL THESE TO OIL COMPANIES.
10 THE BANK ACCOUNT IS EMPTY, THE CUPBOARD IS BARE. THERE'S
11 NOTHING IN S.B.696 THAT WOULD CHANGE THAT BECAUSE THE ISSUE OF
12 HOW MANY CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE IS AN ISSUE OF FEDERAL LAW, NOT
13 STATE LAW. AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN DO
14 ABOUT THAT. WHAT WE SEE IN S.B.696 IS OVERREACHING BY THE
15 DISTRICT. THEY HAVE NOT JUST SAID, "WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING
16 FOR THESE FACILITIES THAT CAN'T GET PERMITS." THE BACK HALF OF
17 THE BILL THEY'VE SAID, "WE WANT TO GET BACK INTO THE POWER
18 PERMITTING BUSINESS. WE WANT THE LEGISLATURE TO OVERTURN A
19 CAREFULLY CONSIDERED DECISION MANY YEARS AGO TO GET THE C.E.C.
20 OUT OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT BUSINESS." THEY WANT THAT OVERTURNED
21 ON AN URGENCY BASIS TO BENEFIT ONE AGENCY IN ONE PART OF THE
22 STATE. AND I SUGGEST THAT THAT IS JUST SIMPLY NOT GOOD POLICY.
23 AND LET ME JUST FINISH BY TALKING FOR A MINUTE ABOUT WHY I
24 THINK THIS IS AN URGENCY BILL. THE LAWSUIT-- AND WE
25 REPRESENTED THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS LAWSUIT-- THE LAWSUIT THAT



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1 MR. CAROLL TALKED ABOUT IS JUST A GARDEN VARIETY C.E.Q.A.
2 LAWSUIT. I'M SURE THEY SEE THESE ALL THE TIME. ALL THE JUDGE
3 SAID-- SHE DID NOT TELL THE DISTRICT YOU CAN'T DO ANY OF THIS
4 STUFF. SHE SAID, "DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW." SO FINALLY
5 THEY'VE STARTED, AND IF THINGS GO THE WAY THEY USUALLY GO,
6 THAT'S GOING TO BE WRAPPED UP LATER THIS YEAR. AND THEN HER
7 ORDER WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE ANYMORE BECAUSE SHE JUST SAID DO A
8 REVIEW. SO THEY DO A DECENT REVIEW AND HER ORDER GOES AWAY AND
9 THE PERMITS WILL BEGIN TO FLOW. AND THAT'S JUST WITHOUT ANY
10 LEGISLATION, JUST IN THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS. SO YOU HAVE
11 TO ASK YOURSELF WHY IS IT THAT THE DISTRICT WANTS THIS BILL
12 PASSED ON AN URGENCY BASIS? AND THE ONLY EXPLANATION THAT
13 COMES TO ME, THAT COMES TO MY MIND IS THAT THEY WANT THIS
14 TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS ENDS SO THAT THEY
15 CAN SCARE THE LEGISLATURE BY SAYING "THE SKY IS FALLING.
16 HOSPITALS CAN'T BE BUILT. BABIES ARE DYING AND YOU NEED TO DO
17 SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW," SO THAT THEY CAN GET BACK INTO
18 PERMITTING THESE POWER PLANTS AND OTHER BIG COMPANIES, WHEREAS
19 IF THEY WENT DIRECTLY TO THE LEGISLATURE AND ASKED THAT
20 WITHOUT THE URGENCY WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO SCARE THE
21 LEGISLATURE, THEY MIGHT NOT GET THAT. SO I THINK THAT-- AND
22 WE'VE TRIED TO WORK WITH THE DISTRICT AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO
23 THAT IN THE FUTURE TO GET CREDITS OUT WHERE THEY'RE NEEDED BUT
24 WE OPPOSE S.B.696 AND SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S BILL. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. DAVID LLOYD? JOIN US. AND POM POM
3 GANGULI. YES. THAT'S WHAT I SAID. YES, GO AHEAD.

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5 **DARRYL MOLINA:** HI, MY NAME IS DARRYL MOLINA AND I'M THE YOUTH
6 PROGRAM COORDINATOR WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.
7 C.B.E. WORKS IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES OF
8 HUNTINGTON PARK AND SOUTH GATE AND ALSO IN THE COMMUNITIES OF
9 WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH BAY. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF GLORIA
10 MOLINA'S MOTION TO OPPOSE S.B.696. WE HAVE WORKED WITH
11 A.Q.M.D. IN THE PAST YEARS AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH
12 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES AND WILMINGTON THAT IS OVER BURDENED BY
13 POLLUTION IN THESE COMMUNITIES. THERE IS VERY INDUSTRIAL
14 CITIES THAT ARE SURROUNDING THESE COMMUNITIES, SOURCES OF
15 POLLUTION FROM STATIONARY AND MOBILE SOURCES. SO THREATS ARE
16 CONSTANTLY COMING INTO THESE COMMUNITIES OF ADDING MORE
17 POLLUTION AND ADDING MORE CHALLENGES FOR THE HEALTH OF THE
18 PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING THERE. AND SO WE URGE THE COUNTY TO
19 OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION AND TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF
20 THE CITIES THAT THE A.Q.M.D. IS TRYING TO LOBBY BECAUSE IT IS
21 VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO SAY NO, THAT'S FOR THIS LEGISLATION.
22 LIKE I MENTIONED, WE'VE WORKED WITH A.Q.M.D. FROM THE
23 BEGINNING WHEN THEY TRIED TO PASS THESE PRIORITY RESERVE
24 RULES. AND WE WERE OPPOSED AND WE TOLD THEM FROM THE VERY
25 BEGINNING THAT THEY NEED TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.



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1 THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE WE PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY AS OPPOSED
2 TO OPENING THE DOOR FOR FOSSIL FUEL POWER PLANTS AND OTHER
3 TYPES OF FACILITIES FROM COMING IN. WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE
4 RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THESE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THAT ARE
5 OVER BURDENED BY TOXIC POLLUTION. AND SO S.B.696 IS A WAY FOR
6 THE AIR DISTRICT TO-- THEY HAVE ALREADY LOST IN THE COURTS.
7 THEY HAVE ALREADY-- THE COURTS HAVE ALREADY TOLD THEM THAT
8 THIS IS A BAD RULE. AND SO THEY ORDERED THEM TO DO AN
9 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. WHEN A.Q.M.D. WENT BACK AND DID THAT
10 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, IT WAS INADEQUATE. SO ONCE AGAIN THE
11 JUDGE WAS FORCED TO PUT A STOP TO THE ISSUING OF THESE
12 PERMITS. AND ONCE AGAIN WE FOUND THAT NOT ONLY WERE THESE
13 CREDITS BEING GIVEN TO FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRIES, BUT THEY WERE
14 ALSO NOT BEING VERIFIED. AND SO THERE'S OTHER THINGS THAT
15 WE'RE TRYING TO PUT THE BARRIER FOR A.Q.M.D. TO BE GIVING OUT
16 THESE CREDITS TO POLLUTING INDUSTRIES. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IN
17 REAL LIFE IS THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING IMPACTED DISPROPORTIONATELY
18 BY POLLUTION. AND SO WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CREDITS, I WANT
19 FOLKS TO THINK ABOUT AND REALIZE THAT IT'S NOT JUST CREDITS.
20 IT'S NOT JUST INDUSTRIES. IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE THAT HAVE ASTHMA,
21 PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING THAT ARE LIVING NEXT TO INDUSTRIAL
22 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE DIESEL TRUCKS DRIVING BY THEM. THAT ARE
23 LOCATED NEAR POWER PLANTS AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF FACTORIES.
24 AND SO I'D ALSO LIKE TO BRING IN THAT ECONOMIC ARGUMENT OF WE
25 NEED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE



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1 BURDEN OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FROM THESE SOURCES OF
2 POLLUTION. AND SO I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT GLORIA MOLINA'S MOTION
3 AND OPPOSE S.B.696.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BARBARA BAIRD, IF YOU COULD PLEASE JOIN
6 US?

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8 **ANGELA JOHNSON MESZAROS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANGELA
9 JOHNSON MESZAROS, I WAS AN ATTORNEY FOR ONE OF THE PLAINTIFFS
10 IN THE LITIGATION THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED HERE TODAY. OF COURSE
11 THE LITIGATION'S PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS TO WHY WE'RE ALL
12 HERE TODAY, BUT I'D LIKE FOR US TO REFOCUS ON REALLY
13 FUNDAMENTALLY WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. THIS IS NOT FUNDAMENTALLY
14 ABOUT MOVING FORWARD AND OVERTURNING TWO COURTS' DECISIONS
15 ABOUT THE INAPPROPRIATENESS OF THE EFFORTS THAT THE DISTRICT
16 HAS PUT FORWARD. THIS IS REALLY ABOUT CLEAN AIR AND PUBLIC
17 HEALTH. IT'S VERY INTERESTING THAT THIS DAY, THE DAY BEFORE
18 EARTH DAY, THE DAY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PROUDLY
19 TRUMPETING ITS EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR
20 ENERGY BY PUTTING FORWARD WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A VERY NICE WEB-
21 BASED TOOL TO INDICATE HOW AND WHERE WE MIGHT BUILD MORE
22 SOLAR, THAT WE WERE HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S
23 FACILITATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE FOSSIL FUEL POWER
24 PLANTS, IN THIS, THE DIRTIEST BASIN IN THE COUNTRY. IN FACT,
25 IT WAS JUST LAST YEAR THAT THE A.R.B. FOUND THAT AT LEAST



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1 24,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR DIE BECAUSE OF PARTICULATE MATTER
2 POLLUTION, THE EXACT POLLUTION THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE
3 WHERE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE DISTRICT OUGHT TO BE DOING
4 IN ORDER TO LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ITS DECISIONS
5 TO SELL CREDITS TO POWER PLANTS. THOSE ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT
6 AND REAL NUMBERS. AND WHAT THE COURT HAS OFFERED-- WHAT THE
7 COURT HAS ASKED THE DISTRICT TO DO IS SOMETHING THAT IN THE
8 ABSTRACT I BELIEVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AGREE WITH. WE
9 SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE DECISIONS
10 THAT WE MAKE, AND THEN WE SHOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY. BECAUSE THE
11 DISTRICT IS NOT-- HAS NOT PUT FORWARD A VALID ENVIRONMENTAL
12 DOCUMENT, THE DECISION MAKERS AT THE SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D.
13 DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE THE INFORMATION BEFORE THEM TO ENSURE THAT
14 THEY PROPERLY ASSESS AND MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF THE
15 DISTRICT'S DECISION. THAT'S ALL C.E.Q.A. DOES IS ASK THAT WE
16 LOOK TO SEE WHAT THE IMPACTS WILL BE AND THAT WE PROVIDE
17 MITIGATION. AND AS YOU ALL WELL KNOW, IF IT'S FOUND THAT
18 THERE'S INADEQUATE MITIGATION OR OTHER ISSUES, THEN THERE'S
19 ALWAYS THE ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE STATEMENT FOR
20 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS. REALLY WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS THE
21 DESIRE TO NOT LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, OF
22 INTRODUCING POLLUTION BACK INTO THE BASIN THAT'S BEEN CLEANED
23 UP FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ACTUAL
24 PROJECT THAT THE DISTRICT HAS UNDERTAKEN, THEY ARE COLLECTING
25 POLLUTION GAINS THAT HAVE OCCURRED OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES



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1 AND THEY ARE TURNING THOSE INTO EMISSIONS REDUCTION CREDITS TO
2 GIVE TO FACILITIES IN THE FUTURE. THEY HAVE DECIDED THAT WE
3 ARE GOING TO SACRIFICE SOME OF THE GAINS THAT WE'VE MADE IN
4 ORDER TO INTRODUCE MORE POLLUTION INTO THIS, THE DIRTIEST
5 BASIN IN THE COUNTRY, SACRIFICING ALL OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH. WE
6 ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT GLORIA MOLINA'S MOTION AND THANK YOU VERY
7 MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK-- I CALLED POM POM,
10 COME UP, PLEASE. I WOULD ASK THAT GREG ADAMS JOIN US UP HERE,
11 AS WELL. GO AHEAD WHOEVER IS NEXT.

12

13 **DAVID LLOYD:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS DAVID LLOYD I'M WITH THE
14 EL SEGUNDO ENERGY CENTER PROJECT. OUR EARTH DAY MESSAGE IS
15 THAT ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO, WE WERE OPERATING FOUR BOILERS AT
16 THE EL SEGUNDO CENTER STATION WE INHERITED FROM S.C.E., AND WE
17 DETERMINED THAT TWO OF THE OLDEST BOILERS SIMPLY WERE NOT
18 VIABLE BECAUSE OF THE AIR POLLUTION. WE PUT S.C.R. ON THE TWO
19 NEWER BOILERS BUT FILED AN APPLICATION WITH THE ENERGY
20 COMMISSION TO REPLACE THE OLDEST BOILERS WITH NEW STATE-OF-
21 THE-ART, RAPID FIRING, COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT. AND WE WENT
22 THROUGH THE PROCESS. AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE A YEAR. ONE
23 YEAR LATER WE SHUT DOWN THOSE TWO BOILERS PERMANENTLY. AND
24 WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO GET A PERMIT. WE
25 ACTUALLY RECEIVED A FULL PERMIT, WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE



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1 C.E.Q.A. PROCESS AT THE C.E.C., HAD OUR NEW CONTRACT FOR THE
2 NEW POWER STATION APPROVED BY THE C.P.U.C. IT WAS APPEALED BY
3 SOME ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND OUR PERMIT
4 WAS AFFIRMED. WE DETERMINED THAT WE NO LONGER WANTED TO USE
5 SEA WATER COOLING IN OUR POWER PLANTS. WE SHUT DOWN OUR LONG
6 BEACH STATION AND REPOWERED IT WITHOUT USING SEA WATER COOLING
7 BECAUSE IT HAS ITS OWN ISSUES AND WE PUT STATE-OF-THE-ART
8 EMISSION CONTROLS DOWN THERE. AND THE NEW POWER PLANT IN EL
9 SEGUNDO WOULD ALSO NOT USE SEA WATER COOLING. UNFORTUNATELY,
10 NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED. AND BECAUSE NOW WE'VE BEEN
11 TRAPPED IN THIS INJUNCTION, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROCEED
12 EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE CREATED OUR OWN CREDITS AND WOULD ONLY
13 REQUIRE ONLY A VERY SMALL PIECE OF PRIOR RESERVE CREDITS,
14 WHICH WERE SET ASIDE FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE. SO SHUTTING DOWN
15 THE OLD HISTORICAL STATIONS 1 AND 2 REDUCED NOX EMISSIONS LIKE
16 90 PERCENT FROM HISTORICAL LEVELS AND CO EMISSIONS FROM 90
17 PERCENT, AS WELL. WE USE RECLAIMED WATER SO WE REDUCED OUR
18 POTABLE WATER USE. THE NEW REGULATIONS START IN 10 MINUTES
19 INSTEAD OF 10 HOURS. TODAY WE GOT UNITS THAT ARE GENERATING
20 POWER TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON BECAUSE IT'S VERY HOT IN OUR
21 VALLEY TODAY. THOSE HAD TO BE STARTED TWO DAYS AGO,
22 ANTICIPATING THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE HOT TODAY. THE NEW
23 GENERATORS STARTING IN 10 MINUTES WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED
24 EMISSIONS GO OFF WHEN THEY'RE NO LONGER NEEDED. UNFORTUNATELY
25 IN CALIFORNIA, WHEN IT GETS REALLY HOT IN THE VALLEY DOWN



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1 HERE, ALL THOSE WIND GENERATORS STOP TURNING. AND IF WE HAVE
2 SOLAR GENERATORS, THEY'RE VERY NICE, TOO, EXCEPT THAT WHEN THE
3 CLOUDS COME OR IF WHEN IT GETS DARK AND IT'S STILL HOT IN THE
4 VALLEY, WE'VE GOT TO HAVE GENERATION. SO FOR EVERY MEGAWATT OF
5 RENEWABLE, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE BACK UP, QUICK START, VERY CLEAN
6 GENERATORS, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO. THAT'S WHY WE
7 WOULD URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION THAT THEIR DISTRICT
8 IS PROPOSED. YOUR AIR DISTRICT DOES A GOOD JOB. THEY'RE THE
9 TOUGHEST AIR DISTRICT IN THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT ROD
12 SPACKMAN JOIN US UP HERE. BARBARA, YOU'RE UP NEXT.

13

14 **BARBARA BAIRD:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE BOARD
15 MEMBERS, MY NAME IS BARBARA BAIRD AND I'M DISTRICT COUNSEL FOR
16 THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IN OPPOSITION
17 TO THE MOTION. ONE CONCERNED EXPRESSED BEHIND THE MOTION IS
18 THAT THE BILL ARGUABLY OPENS UP THE DOOR TO THE VERNON POWER
19 PLANT. BUT THIS IS NOT CORRECT. IN FACT, THE A.Q.M.D. HAS
20 RECENTLY DENIED VERNON'S PERMIT APPLICATION PRECISELY BECAUSE
21 THE PLANT DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR CREDITS EITHER UNDER THE BILL
22 OR UNDER A.Q.M.D. RULES. THE BILL LIMITS CREDITS TO POWER
23 PLANTS THAT ARE EITHER MUNICIPAL PLANTS CONTAINING THEIR
24 NATIVE LOAD OR THEY HAVE CONTRACTS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
25 EDISON. VERNON HAS NEITHER. MOREOVER, THE BILL LIMITS ACCESS



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1 TO THE FIRST 2700 MEGAWATTS OF CAPACITY. ONCE A.Q.M.D. HAS
2 PROVIDED CREDITS TO THE THREE POWER PLANTS THAT DO HAVE
3 CONTRACTS WITH EDISON, THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH CREDIT LEFT
4 FOR THE VERNON POWER PLANT. THEREFORE THIS PLANT WILL NOT BE
5 ELIGIBLE FOR CREDITS UNDER THE BILL. I NOTE THAT TODAY'S
6 AMENDMENT SUGGESTS THAT NARROW C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION COULD BE
7 SUPPORTED BUT THIS BILL ALREADY IS A NARROW C.E.Q.A.
8 EXEMPTION. IT ONLY PROVIDES AN EXEMPTION FOR EXISTING,
9 ALREADY-ADOPTED DISTRICT RULES AND DOES NOT EXEMPT THE USE OF
10 THE CREDITS BY THE FACILITIES THAT WILL RECEIVE THEM. POWER
11 PLANTS WILL STILL BE ANALYZED UNDER C.E.Q.A. BY THE ENERGY
12 COMMISSION AND OTHER PROJECTS WILL BE REVIEWED UNDER C.E.Q.A.
13 EITHER BY THEIR CITY OR COUNTY OR BY THE A.Q.M.D. THE BILL
14 DOES NOT EXEMPT ANY PROJECT FROM C.E.Q.A. MOREOVER, IF POWER
15 PLANTS DO GET ACCESS TO CREDITS, THEY HAVE TO PAY HEFTY
16 MITIGATION FEES, WHICH WILL BE USED TO REDUCE EMISSIONS IN THE
17 AREA AFFECTED BY THE EMISSIONS. AND THE BILL LIMITS CREDITS TO
18 THOSE POWER PLANTS THAT FILED APPLICATIONS ALREADY BY DECEMBER
19 '08. THE MOTION SUGGESTS THAT ADEQUATE CREDITS COULD BE
20 AVAILABLE BY TYING NEW PLANTS TO SHUTTING DOWN EXISTING
21 PLANTS. BUT THIS APPROACH IS PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT AND WILL
22 ALLOW THE PRIVATE POWER PLANTS TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HOSTAGE,
23 CHARGING WHATEVER THEY WANT. PLANTS HAVE ALREADY HAD TO PAY
24 \$320,000 PER POUND. HOW MUCH MORE WOULD IT BE IF THE POWER
25 PLANTS HAVE A MONOPOLY? AND THE MONEY WOULD GO DIRECTLY INTO



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1 THE CORPORATE COFFERS OF THE POWER PLANTS RATHER THAN BEING
2 USED TO REDUCE EMISSIONS IN THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PLANTS
3 AS UNDER THIS BILL. AND ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME STATEMENTS
4 FROM THE COURTS' DECISION IN THE MOTION, BOTH OF THEM ARE
5 INCORRECT. THE A.Q.M.D. IS COMMITTED TO USE MITIGATION MONEY
6 IN THE AREAS THAT ARE IMPACTED, AND THE A.Q.M.D.'S BANK OF
7 CREDITS WAS REDUCED BY ADOPTION OF THE RULE. FINALLY, UNLIKE
8 THE STATEMENT FROM N.R.D.C., WE DO HAVE A LETTER FROM E.P.A.
9 SAYING OUR RULE ADDRESSES ALL THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT CREDITS SO
10 THE BANK IS NOT EMPTY. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

13
14 **POM POM GANGULI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS.

16
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST A SECOND. I ASK AARON GREEN TO JOIN
18 US.

19
20 **POM POM GANGULI:** I'M POM POM GANGULI. I'M THE PUBLIC ADVISOR
21 FOR THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. I WANT TO
22 MAKE THREE POLICY POINTS VERY QUICKLY AND SUBMIT SOME DATA
23 INTO YOUR RECORDS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.



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2 **POM POM GANGULI:** NUMBER 1, THE BILL DOES NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO

3 THE VERNON POWER PLANT. IT NEVER DID. WE DO NOT EXPECT IT

4 WILL. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE QUALIFIED UNDER THE EXISTING RULES.

5 THEY WOULD NOT QUALIFY UNDER S.B.696 AS DRAFTED RIGHT NOW.

6 SECOND, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT SENATE BILL 696 BY SENATOR

7 WRIGHT EXEMPTS A FACILITY FROM C.E.Q.A. THAT IS SIMPLY NOT

8 TRUE. C.E.Q.A. WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE ENERGY COMMISSION AS

9 BEFORE. AND ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO THE BILL

10 THAT WILL PREVENT ANY FACILITY IF FROM BYPASSING C.E.Q.A.

11 UNLESS THEY HAVE OTHER PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. SO THE BILL

12 DOES NOT EXEMPT THE FACILITY FROM C.E.Q.A. THIRDLY, THE COST

13 OF THESE CREDITS, IF YOU WERE TO GO OUT IN THE OPEN MARKET AND

14 BUY THEM, WOULD BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$4 BILLION. I HAVE

15 WITH ME A LIST OF OVER 600 FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HELD UP

16 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SORTED BY EACH ONE OF THE FIVE

17 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. I'D RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THIS TO BE

18 SUBMITTED TO YOU. THERE ARE FIVE COPIES IN HERE. I APOLOGIZE

19 FOR THE FINE PRINT, BECAUSE THERE'S OVER 600 FACILITIES IN

20 THERE. BUT WE'D BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU THE RECORDS

21 ELECTRONICALLY IF YOU WISH. THOSE FACILITIES IMPLY HUNDREDS OF

22 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. LASTLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT AS

23 WE FACE A RECESSION AND AS THE ECONOMY'S STRUGGLING TO GET ON

24 ITS FEET, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOW INTO THIS

25 REGION. SOME OF THOSE WOULD FIND INTO THE HANDS OF SMALL



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1 BUSINESSES, CONSUMERS, MINORITIES, IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. THEY
2 CANNOT PURSUE THEIR LINE OF OPERATION, LINE OF BUSINESS UNLESS
3 THEY HAVE AN AIR PERMIT FROM US FOR EMISSIONS THAT ARE GOING
4 INTO THE AIR. THOSE AIR PERMITS ARE NOT FROZEN. THEREFORE,
5 THOSE MONIES CANNOT REACH THE TARGET AUDIENCE AND PROVIDE THE
6 RELIEF NECESSARY. AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO CLOSE BY SAYING
7 THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THIS LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY. IT
8 PROTECTS THE COMMUNITY. PROTECTS THE AIR AND ALLOWS THE AIR
9 QUALITY DISTRICT TO DO ITS JOB. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK ALEX PUGH TO JOIN
12 US, PLEASE. MR. ADAMS?

13

14 **GREG ADAMS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS GREG ADAMS
15 AND I'M THE AIR QUALITY MANAGER FOR THE SANITATION DISTRICTS
16 OF L.A. COUNTY. MY REMARKS WILL FOCUS ON SOME OF THE
17 COLLATERAL DAMAGE THAT HAS OCCURRED TO SANITATION DISTRICT
18 PROJECTS FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED C.E.Q.A. LAWSUITS THAT THE
19 A.Q.M.D. SPONSORED LEGISLATION SEEKS TO UNRAVEL. HALTING OF
20 THE SANITATION DISTRICT PROJECTS ONLY HARMS THE CITIZENS OF
21 L.A. COUNTY. INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY STAND BY GENERATORS AT
22 WASTE WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS AND PUMPING STATIONS AS YET
23 ANOTHER LAYER OF PROTECTION AGAINST UNSPILLED SEWAGE SPILLS
24 CANNOT PROCEED. GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS, SUCH AS
25 REPLACEMENT OF OLDER, HIGHER POLLUTING ELECTRICAL GENERATION



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1 EQUIPMENT AT OUR PALOS VERDES LANDFILL WITH NEWER CLEANER
2 EQUIPMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY, BY THE WAY, CANNOT
3 PROCEED. SIMPLE SWITCH OUTS OF OLDER BOILERS FOR CLEANER
4 BOILERS AT OUR VALENCIA WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT CANNOT
5 PROCEED. AND FINALLY MANY OF THE GREENHOUSE GAS, EMISSION-
6 REDUCING PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN MANDATED BY THE A.B.32
7 SCOPING PLAN THAT WE ALL HAVE HEARD ABOUT SO MUCH LATELY
8 CANNOT PROCEED IN THE EVENT AN AIR PERMIT IS REQUIRED. WE HOPE
9 THE BOARD TAKES ACTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. SPACKMAN AND I
12 BELIEVE IT'S GWENDOLYN FLYNN TO JOIN US? GWENDOLYN, IS THAT
13 CORRECT?

14

15 **ROD SPACKMAN:** CHAIRMAN KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, I'M GOING TO MAKE MY COMMENTS VERY BRIEF. I HAD
17 ORIGINALLY NOT INTENDED TO REALLY MAKE ANY FORMAL COMMENTS,
18 BUT IN LISTENING TO THE DIALOGUE, I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT
19 TO POINT OUT SEVERAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO BE CLEAR
21 AS A CORPORATION, WE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIORITY
22 RESERVE. WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO IT AND COULD NOT, WOULD NOT
23 UNDER THE LAW HAVE ACCESS UNDER THE LAW TO THE PRIOR RESERVE.
24 HOWEVER, ONE OF THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES WITH THE
25 LITIGATION THAT CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF 1301 WAS THAT THERE



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1 WERE SEVERAL OTHER RULES THAT WERE AFFECTED IN SOME SUBSEQUENT
2 DECISIONS BY THE JUDGE WHICH DO HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON OUR
3 ABILITY TO SIMPLY MANAGE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS HERE IN THE
4 L.A. BASIN. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE LIST THAT HAVE BEEN
5 PROVIDED TO YOU, THERE ARE SOME NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT
6 DIFFERENT COMPANIES HAVE THAT ARE BEING HELD UP BECAUSE OF
7 THIS COURT, THE AMBIGUITY AROUND THE COURT DECISION. ALL OF
8 THE PROJECTS RELATED TO CHEVRON RELATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL
9 REMEDIATION ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER SERVICE STATION SITES WHERE
10 WE'RE TRYING TO DO THE THING WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, WHICH IS TO
11 CLEAN THEM UP AND ENSURE THAT THEY DON'T PRESENT POTENTIAL
12 HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT. SO FROM WHERE WE SIT, THERE NEEDS TO
13 BE A LEGISLATIVE REMEDY. THIS REMEDY, S.696 IS A GOOD REMEDY
14 IN GENERAL. IT DOES PROVIDE NUMEROUS PROTECTIONS TO ENSURE
15 THAT ANY COMPANY DOING BUSINESS WITH ANY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT
16 WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH C.E.Q.A. THERE IS NOTHING IN
17 THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXEMPT MY CORPORATION OR
18 ANY PROJECT THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT WOULD MEET THE CRITERIA
19 FOR C.E.Q.A. EVALUATION, THAT WE WOULD SOMEHOW BE EXEMPTED. SO
20 I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THAT LEGISLATION. AND JUST
21 ONE OTHER LITTLE ASIDE. RECENTLY WE WERE APPROACHED BY ST.
22 JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SANTA MONICA TO PROVIDE THEM SOME NOX
23 CREDITS WITHIN OUR OWN SMALL RESERVE. AND WE WERE HAPPY TO
24 SELL THEM THOSE CREDITS SO THEY COULD GO AHEAD AND PERMIT
25 THEIR AUXILIARY GENERATOR SO THAT THEY COULD DO WHAT THEY NEED



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1 TO DO TO COMPLETE THE RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THAT
2 PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY AND DO IT IN A WAY THAT ALLOWED THEM
3 TO MAINTAIN THEIR VALUE IN THE COMMUNITY. SO I THINK THIS IS
4 AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT NEEDS OUR BEST EFFORTS, AND I THINK
5 THAT THIS LEGISLATION GIVES US A GOOD JUMP START IN THE RIGHT
6 DIRECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BILL LAMARR?

9

10 **AARON GREEN:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF
11 THE POURED, MY NAME IS AARON GREEN, I AM THE LEGISLATIVE
12 AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR V.I.C.A., THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
13 ASSOCIATION, WE ARE THE OLDEST AND LARGEST BUSINESS GROUP IN
14 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND I'M HERE NOT ONLY REPRESENTING
15 V.I.C.A. BUT THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I
16 WANTED TO BRIEFLY TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE CRIPPLING EFFECT THAT
17 THIS LAWSUIT HAS HAD ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE GREATER
18 LOS ANGELES AREA, AS THE MAYOR OF EL SEGUNDO ELABORATED. AS
19 YOU'VE HEARD, AND I THINK MANY OF YOU ARE PROBABLY WELL AWARE,
20 THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS 11.4 PERCENT,
21 THE RESULT OF THIS LAWSUIT AND THE FAILURE OF THE SOUTH COAST
22 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO BE ABLE TO ISSUE CREDITS
23 HAS RESULTED IN 300,000 JOBS BEING ABLE TO NOT MOVE FORWARD
24 AND \$4 BILLION IN PROJECTS AND OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMERCE NOT
25 BEING ABLE TO TAKE PLACE. THE ABILITY TO GET THESE CREDITS



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1 FLOWING AGAIN IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE RECOVERY OF LOS ANGELES,
2 TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. I
3 WANT TO REITERATE THAT HAD THIS BEEN SAID EARLIER THAT PASSAGE
4 OF LEGISLATION THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IS NOT GOING TO EXEMPT
5 PROJECTS FROM C.E.Q.A. AND AS I THINK MANY ARE AWARE, C.E.Q.A.
6 IS NOT A RUBBER STAMP AS HAS KIND OF BEEN SUGGESTED. I'VE GOT
7 ONE MEMBER THAT HAS BEEN IN THE C.E.Q.A. REVIEW PROCESS, PLAYA
8 VISTA FOR FIVE YEARS FOR A SINGLE PHASE OF THEIR PROJECT. SO
9 THE CONCERN THAT SOME PROJECTS WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD
10 WITHOUT REVIEW IS NOT GOING TO NEED TO BE A CONCERN OF THIS
11 BOARD. THE VERNON POWER PLANT WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE ABLE
12 TO BE CONSTRUCTED IF LEGISLATION IS AUTHORIZED THAT WILL ALLOW
13 CREDITS TO CONTINUE OR BEGIN FLOWING AGAIN IN THE DISTRICT. SO
14 WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED IS RELIEF FROM THIS CREDIT CRISIS. AND I
15 WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE LEGISLATURE
16 AND ENCOURAGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO FIND SOME SORT OF
17 LEGISLATIVE RELIEF FOR THE CREDIT CRISIS THAT THE DISTRICT
18 FINDS ITSELF IN NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LINDA HALCOMB IF YOU WOULD
21 JOIN US. YES. WHOEVER IS NEXT.

22

23 **GWENDOLYN FLYNN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE
24 SUPERVISORS ALL. MY NAME IS GWENDOLYN FLYNN, I'M WITH
25 COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS. WE'RE A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH



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1 PROMOTION, HEALTH POLICY ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE CRENSHAW
2 DISTRICT OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LARK GALLOWAY-GILLIAM. WE SUPPORT AND
4 COMMEND YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ON YOUR MOTION TO OPPOSE THE
5 STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CIRCUMVENT THE SUPERIOR COURT
6 RULING IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL VERSUS SOUTH
7 COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY REMOVING C.E.Q.A.
8 REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D. WE CANNOT AFFORD
9 WORSENING HEALTH DISPARITIES BY MAKING IT EASIER FOR HEAVILY
10 POLLUTING INDUSTRIES TO MOVE INTO COMMUNITIES ALREADY BURDENED
11 BY COMPROMISED ENVIRONMENTS. WE OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO LOWER
12 AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. AND S.B.696 IN
13 PARTICULAR, BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON COMMUNITY
14 HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THIS BILL FAVORS LARGE FOR-PROFIT
15 BUSINESSES OVER SMALL PUBLIC PROJECTS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS POOR
16 PUBLIC POLICY WITH DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS ON THE ALREADY
17 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITIES AROUND
18 VERNON ARE NOT THE ONLY COMMUNITIES THIS LEGISLATION COULD
19 AFFECT IF ALLOWED TO PASS. MANY AREAS OF THIS CITY ARE ALREADY
20 UNDER STRESS, AND THE STRICTEST OF STANDARDS MUST BE APPLIED
21 FOR ANY FUTURE INDUSTRY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AREAS IN WHICH
22 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 2 WHERE SPOSTIX IS LOCATED IN SOUTH LOS
23 ANGELES, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOWS INCREASED
24 ASTHMATICS AND CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS THAN IN WEST
25 L.A. AND ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE HIGH POLLUTERS TO



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1 STAY OUT OF THESE DENSELY POPULATED, ALREADY BURDENED
2 COMMUNITIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HISTORICALLY ALLOWED PUBLIC
3 PROJECTS RECEIVE EXEMPTIONS. THOSE HISTORICALLY ALLOWED PUBLIC
4 PROJECTS LIKE HOSPITALS, FOR EXAMPLE. AND FINALLY WE SUPPORT
5 AMENDING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE TO PREVENT A.Q.M.D. FROM
6 EVER APPROVING AMENDMENTS THAT ALLOW IT TO SELL OF GIVE
7 CREDITS IN ITS ACCOUNTS FOR LARGE FOR PROFIT POLLUTERS. WE ASK
8 THAT YOU DON'T COMPROMISE PUBLIC HEALTH. WE WANT TO THANK YOU
9 FOR CONSIDERING OUR POSITION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT I'LL ASK THE FINAL SPEAKER, PHILIP
12 CRABBE. WHOEVER IS NEXT.

13

14 **BILL LAMARR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR KNABE, MY NAME IS BILL
15 LAMARR, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA SMALL
16 BUSINESS ALLIANCE. WE'RE A NON PARTISAN NONPROFIT COALITION OF
17 TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESS WITH
18 A SINGLE VOICE IN PUBLIC FORUMS BEFORE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN
19 MATTERS DEALING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY. WE WERE
20 ASTONISHED WHEN WE LEARNED AND READ ABOUT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
21 OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 696. FOR MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS SINCE
22 JUDGE JONES'S DECISION HANDCUFFED THE A.Q.M.D. FROM ISSUING
23 PERMITS THAT RELIED ON EMISSION OFFSETS FROM THEIR PRIORITY
24 RESERVE, HUNDREDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE STRUGGLED TO KEEP
25 THEIR DOORS OPEN AND TO HANG ON TO THEIR EMPLOYEES AND SOME



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1 HAVEN'T BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THAT. REPEATED ATTEMPTS
2 TO RESOLVE THIS IMPASSE THROUGH MEDIATION HAVEN'T WORKED.
3 S.B.696 IS NOT ONLY A TIMELY SOLUTION BUT THE LAST HOPE FOR
4 MANY SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE.
5 AND IF THE LEGISLATURE FAILS TO PASS THIS BILL, THOUSANDS OF
6 OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES WILL MEET THE SAME FATE BECAUSE THEIR
7 PERMITS WILL ALSO BE INVALIDATED. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN
8 ORDERS FROM NEW COMPLIANT EQUIPMENT WILL BE CANCELED, PUTTING
9 THOSE MANUFACTURERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES AT EXTREME RISK. SPRAY
10 TECH, A SMALL BUSINESS IN RIALTO THAT MANUFACTURES AND
11 INSTALLS SPRAY BOOTHS, DUST COLLECTORS AND OVENS, HAS A HALF
12 MILLION DOLLARS IN EQUIPMENT ORDERS THAT CAN'T BE FILLED
13 BECAUSE THEIR CUSTOMERS CAN'T GET PERMITS. C.T. FINISHING, A
14 FAMILY-OWNED WOOD FINISHING COMPANY IN POMONA CAN'T PAY THE
15 RENT ON THEIR BUILDING BECAUSE THEY CAN'T LEGALLY OPERATE
16 THEIR SPRAY BOOTH. RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, THE OWNER, WRITES "THE
17 SURVIVAL OF OUR COMPANY AS WELL AS THE SURVIVAL OF THE
18 FAMILIES THAT THIS COMPANY PROVIDES FOR RELIES SOLELY ON THE
19 PERMIT FOR OUR SPRAY BOOTH." AND FINALLY PLATINUM COACH WORKS,
20 ANOTHER FAMILY-OWNED COLLISION REPAIR BUSINESS COVINA, HAS
21 LOST 25 PERCENT OF ITS BUSINESS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC
22 DOWNTURN. THE OWNER WRITES, "THIS HAS LEFT ME, AS WELL AS MOST
23 OF MY PEERS IN THE INDUSTRY, HAVING TO SCRAMBLE JUST TO MAKE
24 OUR CURRENT OBLIGATIONS, MUCH LESS GROW OUR BUSINESS AS WE ALL
25 WOULD LIKE TO." AND OF COURSE THEY CAN'T GROW THEIR BUSINESS



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1 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET A PERMIT AND ADD A SPRAY BOOTH.
2 MOREOVER, THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY EMISSION OFFSETS ON THE
3 OPEN MARKET. DOING SO COULD COST THEM AS MUCH AS A HALF
4 MILLION DOLLARS. NEITHER THIS LEGISLATION NOR SUPERVISOR
5 MOLINA'S MOTION ISN'T OR SHOULDN'T BE ABOUT POWER PLANTS OR
6 OTHER BUSINESS BUSINESSES. IT'S ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF SMALL
7 BUSINESSES AND THE THOUSANDS OF GOOD PAYING JOBS AND THE
8 FAMILIES THEY PROVIDE FOR THAT WILL UNNECESSARILY BE PUT AT
9 RISK OR LOST COMPLETELY. I ASK YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE DOTS
10 ON THE MAP THAT I HANDED OUT EARLIER. THOSE AREN'T POWER
11 PLANTS. AND THERE ARE A FEW ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES. THE
12 VAST MAJORITY OF THEM REPRESENT SMALL MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES
13 THAT UP UNTIL NOVEMBER--

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

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17 **BILL LAMARR:** HAVE OPERATED RESPONSIBLY AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH
18 ALL ENVIRONMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, NEXT?

21

22 **LINDA HALCOMB:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS LINDA HALCOMB AND
23 I'M HERE IN OPPOSITION TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION TO OPPOSE
24 S.B. S.B.696. IN THE INTEREST IN PROTECTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY,
25 LOCAL JOBS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN AIR QUALITY, I AM HERE



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1 REPRESENTING MY COMPANY, J.R. SANDEVAL ENTERPRISES. BECAUSE OF
2 THE MORATORIUM ON PERMITS, WE'VE LITERALLY, MY COMPANY HAS
3 GONE OUT OF BUSINESS. NOW, I'VE BEEN SERVICING THE AUTO BODY,
4 COLLISION REPAIR INDUSTRY AND SELLING SPRAY BOOTHS, THAT'S
5 WHAT I'VE SPECIALIZED IN FOR 41 YEARS. I WAS THE VERY FIRST
6 PERSON IN THIS INDUSTRY TO DO SO. I'VE WORKED VERY WELL WITH
7 THE A.Q.M.D. FOR MANY YEARS. ALL OF OUR CLIENTS GO THROUGH THE
8 PERMITTING PROCESS. WE GO THROUGH THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS. AND
9 CURRENTLY THE AUTO BODY INDUSTRY HAS DECREASED THEIR EMISSIONS
10 BY OVER 80 PERCENT BECAUSE WE'RE USING WATER BORNE PAINTS NOW.
11 THE PAINT BOOTHS THAT PEOPLE ARE USING IN OUR INDUSTRY ARE
12 SOMETIMES 30, 40, 50 YEARS OLD. THEY NEED TO REPLACE THEM WITH
13 NEW, MORE MODERN EQUIPMENT. SUCH LEGISLATION, SPECIFICALLY
14 S.B.696 BY SENATOR ROD WRIGHT, IS NEEDED TO ALLOW THE SOUTH
15 COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO RESTART ISSUING
16 URGENTLY NEEDED AIR PERMITS TO BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC AGENCIES.
17 A.Q.M.D. HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM ISSUING CERTAIN PERMITS THAT
18 REQUIRE EXEMPTION FROM THE OFFSET REQUIREMENT BY THE ABOVE
19 REFERENCED NOVEMBER 2008 COURT DECISION. THIS LEGISLATION IS
20 CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESSES AND
21 INDUSTRIES CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN THESE UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC
22 TIMES. AND WITH THAT NUMBER OF JOBS IMPACTED DUE TO THIS
23 MORATORIUM AND NON ISSUANCE OF A.Q.M.D. PERMITS, THE OPEN
24 MARKET CAN BE EXPENSIVE. COSTS RANGING FROM \$140 MILLION FOR A
25 LANDFILL GAS PROJECT WITH FIVE TURBINES TO \$2 MILLION FOR A



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1 FOOD MANUFACTURER WITH A TORTILLA CHIP FRYER AND OVEN. OR IN
2 MY INDUSTRY, \$500,000 FOR AN AUTO BODY SHOP JUST TO PUT IN A
3 PAINT BOOTH. OUR AUTO BODY INDUSTRY GETS \$38 TO \$45 FOR A
4 LABOR HOUR. THEY CANNOT AFFORD THIS. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT
5 NUMBER OF PROJECTS ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICES ON HOLD DUE
6 TO THE LACK OF CREDITS. WE'VE DISCUSSED WHAT THESE ARE
7 PREVIOUSLY. SO I'M HERE TO AGAIN ASK YOU TO OPPOSE SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA'S MOTION TO OPPOSE S.B.696. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PHILIP?

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12 **PHILIP CRABBE:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS PHILIP
13 CRABBE AND I'M STAFF WITH THE A.Q.M.D. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN
14 OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I WANTED TO
15 MAKE A QUICK STATEMENT. S.B.696 DOES IMPROVE EXISTING LAW IN
16 THE SENSE THAT RELATIVE TO PERMITTING POWER PLANTS. THERE IS
17 NO PLANT, IN A SENSE, CAN GET CREDITS UNLESS THE CALIFORNIA
18 ENERGY COMMISSION HAS DONE A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, FINDING THAT A
19 FOSSIL FUEL FIRED PLANNED IS NEEDED IN THE AREA. IN THIS CASE
20 RENEWABLES AND ALTERNATIVES CAN BE USED. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE
21 THAT CLEAR. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. DO YOU NEED
24 TO TABLE THIS FOR A SECOND? OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT WE
2 ALL WANT CLEAN AIR. BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE CLEAN AIR IF
3 WE DRIVE BUSINESSES OUT OF OUR COUNTY AND STATE, IF THEY'RE
4 NOT ABLE TO BRING IN THE CLEAN AIR EQUIPMENT. AND AS THE
5 DISTRICT GAVE US THAT LIST OF PERMITS THAT ARE ON HOLD, I WISH
6 YOU'D LOOK AT THEM BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE L.A. CITY PUBLIC WORKS, CAL STATE
8 DOMINGUEZ HILLS, NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE
9 L.A. C.C., LOS ANGELES CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES,
10 WILSON HIGH SCHOOL WHERE I USED TO TEACH IN EL SERENO, CAL.
11 STATE LOS ANGELES WHERE I GRADUATED FROM IN L.A. PARK, LONG
12 BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, THE SANITATION DISTRICT AND OTHER
13 CITIES THAT ARE IN THIS LIST OF 6,000 PERMITS THAT ARE NOT
14 BEING ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD TO BRING IN CLEAN EQUIPMENT, TO
15 HELP CLEAN UP THE AIR. SECONDLY, WE HAVE A SEVERE STATE
16 BUDGET. AND THE GOVERNOR FOUND ANOTHER \$8 BILLION SHORTFALL
17 FROM THE PROPOSED BUDGET THAT WAS FINALLY APPROVED BY THE
18 STATE LEGISLATURE AND PROBABLY THERE WILL BE A FEW MORE
19 BILLION SHORTFALLS THEY'RE GOING TO FIND. BUT IF WE CONTINUE
20 TO DRIVE BUSINESS OUT TO OTHER LOCATIONS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T
21 UPDATE THEIR BUSINESSES, IF WE DRIVE BUSINESS AWAY, WE'RE NOT
22 GOING TO HAVE THE RESOURCES FOR OUR BUDGET. BUT WE'RE TALKING
23 ABOUT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES THAT ARE IN A LOCK, SAY A
24 CATCH-22. THEY CAN'T BRING IN THE CLEAN AIR EQUIPMENT AND THEY
25 CAN'T-- SOME OF THEM CAN'T OPERATE EFFECTIVELY OR



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1 ECONOMICALLY. SO THAT'S THE CATCH-22. THAT'S WHY THE AIR
2 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, WHICH I SERVE ON, COMPRISED OF
3 LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE MODEL-- IT'S A CROSS SECTION OF THE FOUR
4 COUNTIES, THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THE LEGISLATION AND ARE OPPOSED
5 TO THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY. BUT IT DOES NOT, AS
6 THE DISTRICT COUNSEL POINTED OUT, THIS DOES NOT ALLOW VERNON
7 TO BRING IN THEIR POWER-- NEW POWER PLANT. IT'S NOT-- THEY'RE
8 NOT PART OF THAT EQUATION. THAT'S A DIFFERENT SITUATION.
9 THEY'RE NOT COVERED BY THIS LEGISLATION THAT THE DISTRICT IS
10 SUPPORTING. SO THAT'S WHERE WE ARE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST ADD, AS I SPEAK IN
13 OPPOSITION TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, I DON'T THINK
14 ANYONE'S AGAINST CLEAN AIR. I THINK THIS IS A CLASSIC CASE OF
15 OVERREACTION. IF YOU ARE AGAINST A SPECIFIC PROJECT AND LET'S
16 DEAL WITH THAT. BUT TO JUST TAKE AWAY THESE HUNDREDS OF
17 PROJECTS, THOUSANDS OF JOBS THAT ARE GOING ON, IT'S NOT
18 SOMEBODY TRYING TO SCARE ANYBODY, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF FACT.
19 I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COMPARE A POWER PLANT TO A HOSPITAL OR A
20 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO
21 SUPPORT SENATOR WRIGHT'S LEGISLATION. SO WITH THAT, IF YOU
22 WANT TO.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I MIGHT. I KNOW THAT WHAT WE
25 HAVE CRAFTED IS A VERY NARROW LEGISLATION THAT DOES HAVE MANY



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1 OF THE PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD. WHAT'S FASCINATING AND IRONIC
2 ABOUT THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS THAT ITS EFFORT
3 AND ITS MISSION IS TO PROTECT ALL OF US. IT'S REALLY A SHAME
4 WHEN WE GET PITTED AGAINST JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT AND BABIES AND
5 HOSPITALS AND SHERIFF'S STATIONS AND OUR OWN COUNTY PROJECTS.
6 BUT THE REALITY IS: WE NEED TO FIND A HAPPY MEDIUM HERE. AND
7 THAT'S WHY WE CRAFTED THE AMENDMENT HERE AND ASKING THAT
8 BASICALLY WE SUPPORT IF IN FACT THEY CAN NARROW AND NOT JUST
9 OPEN IT UP TO CONTINUE WHAT A.Q.M.D. IS DOING. THE JUDGE WAS
10 VERY, VERY CLEAR IN WHAT SHE SAID. SHE TALKED ABOUT THE
11 A.Q.M.D. RULES GOVERNING THE EMISSION BANKING SYSTEM AND SAID
12 THAT IT WAS INDEED SUBJECT TO A C.E.Q.A. SECONDLY, THE JUDGE
13 SAID THAT THE ADEQUACY OF THE E.I.R. THAT WAS DOING UP TO NOW
14 FAILED TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE HEALTH IMPACTS, FAILED TO
15 ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, FAILED TO ADDRESS THE VISUAL
16 IMPACT AND AN TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CHANGES AS WELL AS TO
17 ADDRESS COMPLETELY ALL THE MITIGATION MEASURES THAT NEED TO BE
18 PUT IN PLACE. WHAT WE ARE SAYING HERE IS A SITUATION WHERE ALL
19 OF US ARE BEING PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER. WE IN THE ENTIRE
20 BASIN HAVE DONE SO WELL. THE POLLUTION HAS CLEANED UP SO MUCH.
21 IT'S VERY, VERY DRAMATIC WHAT HAS GONE ON THROUGH A WHOLE
22 SERIES OF REGULATIONS WHICH BUSINESSES HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED.
23 THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THESE ARE GOING TO BE TOUGH STANDARDS.
24 BUT WHEN YOU WEIGH THOSE STANDARDS AGAINST A CHILD THAT IS IN
25 OUR COMMUNITY HAVING THE KIND OF COMPLICATIONS FROM ASTHMA, IT



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1 IS VERY, VERY DRAMATIC. AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND, SIR, GOING AROUND
2 SCARING THE CITIES WITH ALL OF THESE PROJECTS IS WHAT YOU DO.
3 YOU GET PAID TO DO IT. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WHAT WE'RE
4 SAYING, WE'RE NOT OPPOSED TO THE LEGISLATION BUT LET'S NARROW
5 THE LEGISLATION IN SUCH A MANNER SO THAT WE COULD MOVE
6 FORWARD. SOME OF THESE PROJECTS, MANY OF THE SMALL BUSINESS
7 PROJECTS, MANY OF THE PUBLIC PROJECTS, BUT AGAIN LET'S
8 ADEQUATELY MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE REVIEWING ALL OF THESE. THAT
9 IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.
10 THAT'S WHAT WE ARE ASKING THEM TO DO. THROWING OUT THE ENTIRE
11 SYSTEM, WE ARE GOING TO GO BACK INTO POLLUTING OUR BASIN,
12 GETTING AWAY FROM THE KIND OF UNBELIEVABLE OUTCOMES THAT HAVE
13 COME FROM THE VARIOUS REGULATIONS AND RULES THROUGH OUT THE
14 YEARS. SO AGAIN THIS IS A VERY NARROW AMENDMENT THAT WE ARE
15 ASKING FOR. AND WE THINK THAT IT WILL ADDRESS ALL OF THOSE
16 ISSUES SO THAT MANY OF THESE PROJECTS CAN BE MOVED FORWARD,
17 AND PARTICULARLY THOSE PUBLIC FACILITIES. WE THINK THAT IT'S A
18 MODEST PROPOSAL AND GOES A WHOLE WAY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE
19 INSTEAD OF JUST WIPING OUT ALL ASPECTS OF AIR QUALITY THAT WE
20 SHOULD BE TAKING TREMENDOUS PRIDE IN PROTECTING AND MORE
21 IMPORTANTLY IMPROVING EVERY SINGLE DAY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T SEE IT AS A SCARE FACTOR. BUT I
24 MEAN THE LIST SPEAKS FOR ITSELF WHEN THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS
25 THAT ARE BEING HELD UP. AND AGAIN IT'S A REALITY. THERE'S



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1 SPECIFIC PROJECTS-- AND I KNOW EVERYONE'S OPPOSED TO AND WE
2 CAN DEAL WITH THAT ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS. BUT TO TIE
3 EVERYTHING UP IN THE ENTIRE BASIN IS THE WRONG THING TO DO. IF
4 THAT, DO YOU WANT TO CALL FOR THE QUESTION THEN?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO GET SOMETHING CLEAR. MY
7 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS DOES AFFECT THE-- FIRST OF ALL,
8 MISS MOLINA'S MOTION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE ORIGINAL MOTION
9 THAT SHE PUT ON THE AGENDA A WEEK OR SO AGO.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SHE CHANGED IT TWICE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK SHE'S TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO
14 SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY A VARIETY OF
15 PEOPLE. AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IT'S PRETTY CLEAR, IT'S PRETTY
16 STRAIGHTFORWARD, HER MOTION SEEKS TO PROMOTE LEGISLATION OR--
17 SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF THE SMALL
18 BUSINESSES IN THE VITAL PUBLIC PROJECTS LIKE HOSPITALS AND
19 SCHOOLS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT BUT DOESN'T THROW AWAY THE
20 BABY WITH THE BATH WATER. AND MOST OF THE PROJECT-- I CAN'T
21 SPEAK FOR ALL OF THEM. I JUST SKIPPED THROUGH THE PROJECT THAT
22 THE GENTLEMAN WITH THE A.Q.M.D. BROUGHT FORWARD. I WOULD
23 IMAGINE THAT A COUPLE OF THOSE SMALL BUSINESS PROJECT WOULD BE
24 ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION OR WHATEVER THE APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY
25 IS IF THE BILL WERE CRAFTED IN THE WAY THAT SUPERVISOR



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1 MOLINA'S MOTION CALLS FOR. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. AND KIND
2 OF THE DISINGENUOUS PART FROM ALL OF THIS FROM MY FRIENDS ON
3 THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS IS AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE A.Q.M.D., IN
4 ESTABLISHING THIS RULE, KIND OF DID SMALL BUSINESS IN, IN A
5 WAY. BECAUSE IT ALLOWED BIG USERS OF POLLUTION CREDITS TO
6 BEGIN TO COMPETE AND GOBBLE UP THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF CREDITS
7 THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN RESERVED, IF I UNDERSTAND THIS
8 CORRECTLY, FOR SOME OF THE SMALLER PROJECTS. I KNOW A FRIEND
9 OF A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE OUT IN HEMET OF ALL PLACES,
10 TRYING TO BUILD A SOLAR PANEL MANUFACTURING FACILITY. I
11 WOULDN'T EVEN CALL IT A PLANT, IT'S NOT THAT BIG. MANUFACTURES
12 SOLAR PANELS IN HEMET, COULDN'T GET A PERMIT FROM THE A.Q.M.D.
13 BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION. THAT'S A SMALL BUSINESS. IT'S A
14 START UP BUSINESS. AND HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO COMPETE FOR THE
15 SAME CREDITS AND THE SAME POOL AS A 50-MEGAWATT OR WHATEVER IT
16 IS POWER PLANT, WHETHER IT'S IN VERNON OR ANYWHERE ELSE. SO
17 ALL KINDS OF ITERATIONS TO THIS. I THINK THE ARGUMENT ABOUT
18 SMALL BUSINESS HAS BEEN A RED HERRING, FRANKLY. AND I THINK
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA RECOGNIZES THAT AND HAS ADDRESSED THAT HAD
20 HEAD ON. AND IF SENATOR WRIGHT WOULD TAKE TO HEART SOME OF THE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HER MOTION MAKES, HE MIGHT HAVE A MUCH
22 BROADER SUPPORT FOR HIS LEGISLATION THAN HE CURRENTLY HAS. I
23 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE POLITICS UP THERE ARE, WHETHER THIS IS
24 GOING TO PASS OR IT'S NOT GOING TO PASS. BUT THE EXTREME PIECE
25 OF THIS IS NOT-- ACTUALLY I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS BEEN



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1 ANYTHING BUT EXTREME. I THINK SHE'S MOVED AS CLOSE TO BEING
2 REASONABLE AS SHE CAN. NO. I THINK SHE HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO
3 THE CRITICISMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. AND NOW THE QUESTION IS
4 WHETHER THOSE STATE LEGISLATION WILL BE AS RESPONSIVE AS SHE
5 HAS BEEN IN TRYING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SO OBVIOUSLY THERE'S
6 GOING TO BE A LOT MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS UP IN SACRAMENTO.
7 WE'RE NOT PASSING THE BILL. THIS IS JUST A POSITION ON A BILL.
8 I CAN IMAGINE IF THERE'S BEEN SO MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR
9 POSITION ON THE BILL, HOW MUCH DISCUSSION WOULD BE ON THE BILL
10 IN SACRAMENTO. BUT I DO THINK THIS IS-- THERE COMES A POINT
11 WHERE YOU'VE GOT TO DRAW A LINE AND NOT ALLOW LEGISLATION TO
12 COME FORWARD THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF ONE SET OF INEQUITIES AND
13 THEN CREATES A WHOLE SET OF OTHER INEQUITIES WITH A CAPITAL I
14 THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS HEALTH AND WELFARE OF A WHOLE SEGMENT
15 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THAT'S THE WAY I SEE THIS. I SEE THIS
16 WHOLE SMALL BUSINESS AND HOSPITAL ARGUMENT AS A FIG LEAF TO
17 REALLY FRONT FOR SOMETHING ELSE. AND THAT SOMETHING ELSE WE
18 ALL KNOW WHAT IT IS I THINK-- IT'S THE POWER PLANT. THERE'S NO
19 MISTAKING THAT. AND I THINK ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT WOULD BE
20 FACTUALLY INCORRECT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE OPPOSITION TO THE BILL IS
23 DISINGENUOUS IS IF THAT'S ALL YOU'RE AFTER.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON, IT'S NOT ALL WE'RE AFTER, BECAUSE I
2 THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS MODIFIED HER POSITION TWICE TO TRY
3 TO MEET THE CONCERNS OF THOSE FOLKS. AND I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY
4 MOVEMENT ON SENATOR WRIGHT'S POINT ON THIS PART. MAYBE THERE
5 WILL BE DOWN THE LINE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MITIGATION FEES.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL CALL ON YOU IN A SECOND. MARK, GO
10 AHEAD.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I TOOK A CLOSE
13 LOOK AT THE MATTER BEFORE US. AND IT NOT UNCOMMON IN THE
14 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS TO COMMUNICATE TO THE AUTHOR OF A BILL
15 THAT THE BILL IN ITS ENTIRETY NEEDN'T BE DISCARDED OR OPPOSED.
16 BUT IF IN FACT THE BILL WERE TO BE AMENDED, IT WOULD BE
17 ACCEPTABLE. THIS IN NO WAY GUTS THE BILL IN ITS ENTIRETY. IT
18 ESSENTIALLY NARROWS IT IN A WAY THAT EXPLICITLY TREATS THE
19 SPECIFIC USES THAT WE ALL WISH TO SUPPORT IN THE APPROPRIATE
20 MANNER. THEY ARE CALLED OUT IN THE AMENDING LANGUAGE. MAY I
21 REFER TO SMALL BUSINESS AS ONE EXAMPLE. SO ANY ATTEMPT TO
22 SUGGEST THAT THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE INTEREST OF SMALL
23 BUSINESS, IN ANY WAY SUGGESTING THAT WE IGNORE THE STATE OF
24 THE ECONOMY MAKE CIRCUMSTANCES MORE ONEROUS, MORE DISCOURAGING
25 TO THOSE BUSINESSES. IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE EXPLICIT



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1 LANGUAGE IN THIS AMENDING MOTION. SO IT IS NOT TO BE
2 INTERPRETED AS A WHOLESALE REJECTION OF WHAT IS BEING SOUGHT
3 BY SENATOR WRIGHT, WITH WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THE MEASURE.
4 IT SEEKS TO CLARIFY IT AND TO MAKE SURE IT IS PROPERLY
5 TAILORED. IT HARDLY UNCOMMON FOR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO START
6 OUT IN WHAT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS AN OVERLY BROAD MANNER. IT
7 IS FULLY EXPECTED THAT DURING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES, SUCH
8 LEGISLATION WILL BE TAILORED, TRIMMED, PRUNED SUCH AS THE CASE
9 TODAY. I SECONDED THE MOTION. WITH THAT IN MIND, AND I THINK
10 IT'S WHOLLY APPROPRIATE TO CONTINUE TO LET THE DELIBERATIVE
11 PROCESS ACCORDINGLY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO THAT?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO I WAS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE SPOKEN, MR. CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR THE PREFACE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AREAS SPENT IN THE AREA WHERE THE
22 EMISSIONS FROM THE PLANTS WOULD BE COMING FROM. SO IT'S NOT
23 GOING TO BE USED ELSEWHERE. THOSE FEES HAVE TO BE USED WHERE
24 THAT PROBLEM EXISTS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR--

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THIS IS THE MOTION AS AMENDED TWICE.

10 THE SECOND AMENDMENT, RIGHT?

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IN FORCE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. PASSES 3-2.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIED.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT
14 THE LETTER, WHATEVER. I THINK PART OF THIS IS A LETTER TO
15 SEND, COMMUNICATED THAT IT WAS A SPLIT VOTE, IS THAT CORRECT,
16 WHEN YOU DO THAT?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF IT GOES THROUGH, WE WILL DIRECT THEM TO
19 DO THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TYPICALLY, HOLD ON A SECOND. TYPICALLY WHAT
22 DO WE DO WHEN WE HAVE A SPLIT VOTE? THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED TO DO
23 IT SIGNED IT. THE ONES THAT DIDN'T WON'T. BUT WE WON'T
24 COMMUNICATE WE ARE A SPLIT VOTE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU SAY 3-2 VOTE OR 4-1 VOTE.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK WE HAVE EVER DONE THAT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE BEEN ON THE THREE SIDE. WE SIGN
6 IT AND THE OTHERS DON'T.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT DO YOU SAY IN THE LETTER WHAT THE VOTE
9 COUNT WAS?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL MAYBE WHEN YOU LOST, YOU SAID IT
12 WAS OKAY TO DO THAT.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE. BUT THAT WAS THEN AND THIS IS NOW.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SIGNED THOSE LETTERS AND COMMUNICATED
17 IT WAS A 3-2 VOTE.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S JUST ON THE SIGNATURE PORTION OF IT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD JUST BE SIGNED BY THOSE WHO SUPPORT
22 IT.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE
25 ADJOURNMENTS?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, WOULD YOU JOIN
3 ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF WALLY MARKS, JR., PHILANTHROPIST
4 AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 13TH AT THE
5 AGE OF 78. IN THE 1960S, HIS FATHER DEVELOPED THE SANTA MONICA
6 MALL, WHICH IS IN MANY WAYS NOTEWORTHY TO A LOT OF US,
7 PARTICULARLY IF WE TAKE NOTE OF THE THIRD STREET PROMENADE. HE
8 RECEIVED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM STANFORD IN ADDITION TO
9 HIS LAW DEGREE. HE SPENT TWO YEARS IN THE ARMY AND PRACTICED
10 LAW BRIEFLY BEFORE JOINING THE FAMILY BUSINESS. HE LEAVES TO
11 CHERISH HIS MEMORY OF 50 YEARS SUZIE, SON WALTER III, HIS
12 THREE DAUGHTERS LORI, WENDY, AMANDA, 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND A
13 SISTER, MARLENE, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND
14 MANY OF US WHO CAME TO KNOW HIM RESPECT HIM AND APPRECIATE HIS
15 CONTRIBUTION TO THOSE CAUSES DEEMED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST
16 OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND A BETTER WORLD. MR. CHAIRMAN AND
17 COLLEAGUES, WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF HELEN
18 DANDREW, LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND FORMER FINE
19 ARTS AND HISTORICAL COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF CARSON. SHE
20 WAS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY MEMBER. GAVE HER TIME FREELY,
21 GENEROUSLY AS A VOLUNTEER IN VARIOUS SENIOR PROGRAMS. SHE
22 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
23 THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS
2 YOU HELD? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, I DO. MR. CHAIRMAN, I ASK THAT WE
5 ADJOURN-- I ASK THAT ALL THE MEMBERS JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNING
6 MOTION FOR COUNCILMAN SAL GUARIELLO, OF THE CITY OF WEST
7 HOLLYWOOD. SAL PASSED AWAY A FEW DAYS AGO SUDDENLY. THE LONG-
8 SERVING COUNCILMEMBER FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD DIED AT THE AGE OF
9 90. IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE BOTH AS COUNCILMAN AND AS A COUNTY
10 SUPERVISOR TO WORK WITH SAL ON MANY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR AREA
11 OF WEST LOS ANGELES AND WEST HOLLYWOOD. WHEN HE ENTERED PUBLIC
12 LIFE AS A CIVIC ACTIVE ACTIVIST, AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, SAL
13 GUARRIELLO'S MOST PASSIONATE ADVOCACY FOR OUR COUNTY SENIORS
14 WAS QUITE WELL KNOWN. AS A COMBAT MEDIC DURING WORLD WAR II,
15 HE TOOK SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN
16 RETURNING FROM BATTLE OVERSEAS. HE IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR
17 THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AT SANTA
18 MONICA AND CRESCENT HEIGHTS. SAL FOUGHT HARD FOR RENTERS'
19 RIGHTS AND CHAMPIONED THE NEEDS FOR THE INCREASING RUSSIAN
20 POPULATION THAT INCREASINGLY CAME TO CALL WEST HOLLYWOOD THEIR
21 HOME OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES. ABOVE ALL HE WAS MY FRIEND
22 THAT I ENJOYED SERVING WITH OVER MANY DECADES. HE LOVED
23 PEOPLE. ENJOYED PUBLIC SERVICE. HE LOVED THE CITY OF WEST
24 HOLLYWOOD. HE LOVED GOVERNMENT. SERVED WITH THEM, I THINK,
25 SEVERAL OF US SERVED WITH HIM ON THE SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD



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1 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. HE LOVED THAT. AND BOY IT'S A
2 SPECIAL GUY WHO LOVES THE SANITATION DISTRICT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SPECIAL GUY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE 90 YEARS WE HAD
7 TO SHARE, OR THAT HE HAD TO SHARE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO PASSED
8 HIS WAY DURING THOSE YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS NEPHEW,
9 RAYMOND SATRIANO, GRAND NIECE, LISA JOHNSON, AND OTHER FAMILY
10 MEMBERS. HE WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS WIFE RITA. ALL MEMBERS ON
11 THAT.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JANE MCGLORY, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR
16 DISTRICT AND FORMER OF THE PACOIMA COMMUNITY YOUTH CULTURE
17 CENTER DIED AT THE AGE OF 76. WELL KNOWN COMMUNITY LEADER WHO
18 SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION
19 COMMISSION AND LOS ANGELES PAROLE DIVISION AND VICE PRESIDENT
20 OF THE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND WAS LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 DEPUTY SHERIFF AS WELL. SHE WAS ALSO ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
22 OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR 23 YEARS,
23 AND SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 15 THOSE YEARS. SHE
24 IS SURVIVED BY HER SON ALBERT, TWO SONS JOHNNY AND JOSEPH, SIX
25 GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GOD DAUGHTER.



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1 KEN SCHOENFELD, RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO RECENTLY PASSED
2 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. KEN WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK,
3 ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND STUDIED ECONOMICS
4 BEFORE JOINING THE ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II. HE
5 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, FOUNDED A GREETING CARD COMPANY. DEVOTED
6 HIS LATER YEARS TO REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND CHARITABLE
7 CAUSES, PARTICULARLY THE MENORAH HOUSING FOUNDATION AND ITS
8 MISSION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THOSE
9 WHO NEEDED IT. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MENORAH
10 FOR YEARS. AND HIS LEGACY MAY BE FOUND IN THE FOUNDATION'S
11 NUMEROUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT LOS
12 ANGELES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BARBARA, DAUGHTER JULIE,
13 HIS SONS JOHN AND PETER, AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN, ALEXA, EMILY,
14 JOSH, MAX. FINALLY ALBERT GREENE, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL WHO
16 PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS AT THE AGE OF 59 AFTER
17 COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER. PRAISED BY HIS
18 COLLEAGUES AS A CHARISMATIC LEADER WHO MADE A REMARKABLE AND
19 IMMEDIATE IMPACT AT THE HOSPITAL. HE WAS ALSO MUCH ADMIRER AND
20 RESPECTED AS A MENTOR, FRIEND. ON HIS WATCH, VALLEY
21 PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL BECAME ONE OF THE MONTHS FASTEST GROWING
22 AND MOST SUCCESSFUL IN ALL THE AREA. HE SERVED SINCE MARCH
23 2006 AS THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE HOSPITAL. PRIOR TO
24 JOINING VALLEY PRESS, HE SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS AS PRESIDENT
25 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN



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1 MEDICAL CENTER IN LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWING STINTS AT VARIOUS
2 OTHER HOSPITALS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE WAS A RECOGNIZED
3 INDUSTRY LEADER AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND
4 PUBLISHED SEVERAL HEALTHCARE JOURNAL ARTICLES. HE IS SURVIVED
5 BY HIS WIFE OF 36 YEARS, JO-LINDA GREENE, HIS SON JEREMY
6 GREENE, DAUGHTER STACEY PIERCE AND GRANDSON RORY PEARCE. THOSE
7 ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST
10 OF ALL, ALL MEMBERS, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOANNA
11 DELORES OLIVITO, SISTER OF SAM OLIVITO, WHO PASSED AWAY
12 RECENTLY. SHE WAS 80 YEARS OLD. JOANNA BRAVELY LIVED HER
13 ENTIRE LIFE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY CAUSED BY AN ACCIDENT DURING
14 HER BIRTH YET SHE WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED A PRECIOUS GIFT TO THE
15 FAMILY AND STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL THAT CAME ACROSS
16 HER PATH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER SAM AND SISTER-IN-LAW
17 SHARON. AND SO ALL MEMBERS. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL
18 ADAMS, A CLASSMATE AND LONG TIME FRIEND OF MY WIFE JULIE. HE
19 WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SURVIVED BY HIS
20 WIFE OF 40 YEARS, CAROL. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
21 ELIZABETH FARR, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY, LONG TIME LAKEWOOD
22 RESIDENT, MOTHER OF ANN FRANZEN, WHO IS MY APPOINTEE ON THE
23 COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
24 SONS DAVE, BRUCE, NEIL, DAUGHTERS ANN AND LORRIE, 14
25 GRANDCHILDREN AND 19 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WE ADJOURNED LAST



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1 WEEK IN MEMORY OF NICK ADENHART, THE PITCHER FOR THE LOS
2 ANGELES ANGELS. BUT ALSO TRAGICALLY KILLED IN THAT PARTICULAR
3 SITUATION WAS HENRY PEARSON. HE PLAYED BASEBALL, SOCCER AND
4 BASKETBALL GROWING UP, FOR M MIRA COSTA MUSTANGS. HE GRADUATED
5 FROM ARIZONA STATE. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH. HE
6 WAS WORKING TOWARDS A LAW DEGREE AT WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY.
7 HE WAS INTERNING AT THE FOX SPORTS WEST, COLLEGE SPORTS
8 TELEVISION. AND SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, NIGEL AND ARITA, HIS
9 SISTER JESSICA, ALL OF MANHATTAN BEACH. ALSO TRAGICALLY KILLED
10 WAS ANOTHER RESIDENT OF MY DISTRICT AND THAT'S COURTNEY
11 FRANCIS STEWART WHO ALSO WAS A TRAGIC AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT
12 VICTIM THAT NIGHT. SHE WAS A SOPHOMORE, CAL. STATE FULLERTON.
13 SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. SURVIVED BY HER
14 MOTHER AND STEPFATHER OF DIAMOND BAR. HER FATHER AND
15 STEPMOTHER OF LAUGHLIN AND A STEPBROTHER COREY OF DIAMOND BAR.
16 SHE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY HER GRANDPARENTS. MARYLEN HART, DAVE
17 AND PRUDY STEWART, TRAGIC. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DENNIS
18 VICTOR JONES, BROTHER-IN-LAW TO LINA JONES-PEREZ OF THE
19 C.A.O.'S OFFICE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.
20 HE WAS 50 YEARS YOUNG. VERY AVID READER. VERY INVOLVED IN
21 MOTORCYCLES. GOOD GAME OF CHESS. HE WAS A LIFE MENTOR TO MANY
22 PEOPLE WHO APPRECIATED HIS WISDOM AND GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT
23 WHEN HE NEEDED IT MOST. HE IS SURVIVED BY SIBLINGS LINA AND
24 ROBERT. HIS CHILDREN DENNIS, JR. STEPHANIE, SHANNON, HIS
25 FORMER WIVES ESTHER AND VIRGINIA, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. HE



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1 WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS MOTHER CARMEN, FATHER CARLOS,
2 BROTHERS LEWIS AND RICHARD, AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THE
3 LIVES HE TOUCHED. FINALLY, AND WE ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 KEVIN KOCHER, AGE 51 OF LONG BEACH, PASSED AWAY IN SAN DIEGO
5 PREPARING TO GO ON A FISHING TRIP WITH HIS TWO SONS. AVID
6 FISHERMAN, LOVER OF LIFE. TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
7 IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE JUDY, SONS JOSH AND GREG,
8 BROTHERS RANDY AND STEVEN. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS
9 ADJOURNMENTS. FIND THE REST OF THE AGENDA HERE. I KNOW THAT IT
10 WAS DELIVERED, RIGHT? OKAY, MR. SACHS, COME FORWARD. I CALL
11 ITEMS 6, 27 AND 55.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS HE'S COMING FORWARD, ON
14 ITEM NO. 54, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS RELEASING HIS HOLD ON
15 THIS ITEM.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM 54? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 ARNOLD SACHS. ITEM NO. 6, I'M JUST CONCERNED. BEFORE YOU
25 DECIDE TO CHANGE OR ADOPT THIS CHANGE, TO GO FROM AN AVERAGE



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1 DAILY ENROLLMENT FORMULA AS OPPOSED TO AN AVERAGE DAILY
2 ATTENDANCE MODEL, HAS ANYTHING BEEN DONE TO TRY TO INCREASE
3 THE ATTENDANCE-- EXCUSE ME? TO INCREASE THE ATTENDANCE BECAUSE
4 THE ENROLLMENT MAY BE A HIGHER NUMBER, BUT-- AND YOU'RE GOING
5 TO GET FUNDING BASED ON THAT SO WHO WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT
6 THE ATTENDANCE IF YOU WILL GET YOUR FUNDING BASED ON THE
7 ENROLLMENT? IT'S MORE OR LESS A CAUSE TO SAY: DON'T SHOW UP
8 BECAUSE WE ALREADY KNOW YOU'RE ENROLLED IN THE CLASS AND WE'RE
9 GOING TO GET MONEY FOR THAT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. I THINK
10 THAT'S HIGHLY DISINGENUOUS TO GO AHEAD AND DO THAT. I THINK
11 MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO TRY TO MAKE THE ATTENDANCE AVERAGE
12 INCREASE IF THAT SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM THAN THE ENROLLMENT,
13 THEN LOOK AT GETTING FUNDING FROM THE ENROLLMENT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. 27 AND 55?

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 27. THANK YOU, SIR. YOU KNOW MY CONCERN WOULD BE
18 ABOUT THIS. YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AT GETTING FEES FROM THE
19 SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL ACCOUNT WHEN THE SUNSHINE CANYON
20 LANDFILL, THE MATH USED IN THE CALCULATIONS FOR THE TRASH
21 DISPOSAL AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL IS SO RIDICULOUS AND
22 SO WRONG, HOW CAN A TRUST FUND BE ANYWHERE NEAR BEING NOT
23 CORRUPT. YOU CORRUPTED THE AMOUNT OF TRASH INPUT-- INTAKE INTO
24 SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL, IT WOULD BE A DIRECT REFLECTION ON



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1 THE TRUST ACCOUNT. THERE'S AN OXYMORON IF YOU EVER HEARD ONE.

2 THANK YOU, SIR.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND FINALLY 55.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 55 IS A BOND. AND I KNOW PROBABLY I'M GOING TO
7 EXPAND ON THIS. I'VE HEARD SEVERAL DIFFERENT STORIES ABOUT
8 SOME BONDS RECENTLY AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION --
9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE MEETING THAT WAS HELD AT
10 THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH, THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE
11 ORANGE COUNTY TOLL ROAD. AND THE PERSON SPEAKING BEFORE THE
12 S.C.A.G MENTIONED THAT THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
13 ANY OF THE-- IF THERE'S ANY SHORTFALL IN THE FUNDING. THEN I
14 LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH L.A.W.A., AND THEY HAVE TWO
15 BONDS. BUT TRYING TO GET SOMEBODY TO ACTUALLY ANSWER THAT
16 CORRECTLY, ONE WAS ISSUED BY THE AIRPORT ITSELF AND ONE WAS
17 ISSUED BY THE CITY. BUT TRYING TO GET SOMEBODY TO ANSWER IN A
18 POSITIVE MANNER ABOUT BOTH BONDS, YOU HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF
19 TRAPPING MERCURY. THERE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE DENIAL, DENIAL,
20 DENIAL OF BOTH BONDS. IT RAISES MORE RED FLAGS THAN IT PUTS
21 OUT. AND THEN FINALLY, AND THIS ACTUALLY PERTAINS TO THE
22 C.E.O., WHEN HIS LAST DAYS IN THE CITY COUNCIL, THERE WAS A
23 HUGE DISCUSSION ABOUT SOME BONDS BEING OFFERED, AND THERE WAS
24 A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN HIS PLAN OF OFFERING THE BONDS AND ONE
25 OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OFFERING THE BONDS OF LIKE \$17 MILLION,



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1 WHICH ISN'T CHUMP CHANGE. AND SO I'M WONDERING WHERE IN ALL
2 THIS DISCUSSION WOULD THESE THREE BONDS ITSELF, WHERE DOES THE
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP? I'M VERY
6 PATIENT. THESE ARE NOT BONDS, THEY'RE TRANS, WHICH ARE REVENUE
7 ANTICIPATION NOTES, A TAD DIFFERENT THAN BONDS, BUT, OKAY, WE
8 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. THANK YOU. BUT I LET YOU GO ON.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU CALL ALL THE ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SAYING IS IT DIFFERENT THAN BONDS ON
13 TRANS OR REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES?

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW THAT THERE'S SOME KIND
16 OF BACKGROUND OR SOME KIND OF BACK UP PLAN. BONDS ARE BONDS.
17 BUT YOU GET DIFFERENT DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ALL OF THEM ALL
18 THE TIME.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. ON THOSE ITEMS,
21 6, 27 AND 55. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HELD
23 ITEM 18. THE ONLY QUESTION I HAD WAS: WHY CAN'T WE DO THIS ON
24 EBAY, SOMETHING ELECTRONICALLY, INSTEAD OF PAYING SOMEBODY 22
25 PERCENT? GOT A GOOD ANSWER, MARK? TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR.



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MARK SALADINO: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'LL IDENTIFY MYSELF FOR THE RECORD. MARK SALADINO, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR. THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS THE PROPERTY, THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT WE WILL BE SELLING UNDER THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT REALLY DOESN'T LEND ITSELF TO ONLINE SALE. EVERY MONTH WE AUCTION OFF ABOUT 50 TO 70 CRATES OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS. THESE ARE TYPICALLY LOW VALUE ITEMS. FOR WHICH I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A NATIONAL AUDIENCE. ALSO, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AT LEAST FOR US TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF A PACK AND SHIP OPERATION TO ACTUALLY SHIP THIS STUFF TO PEOPLE THAT MIGHT BID ONLINE FOR IT. AND A LOT OF THIS PROPERTY IS ALSO APPLIANCES, HEAVY THINGS. AND MOST OF OUR BIDDERS ARE SECOND-HAND STORES AND NONPROFIT CHARITIES. SO THE VAST BULK OF WHAT WE SELL AT AUCTION REALLY, I DON'T THINK, GOING TO AN ONLINE SALE WOULD MAKE MUCH SENSE.

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: IT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK AT. 22 PERCENT IS A PRETTY BIG HIT.

19

MARK SALADINO: WELL, YOU KNOW, WE DO SELL SOME THINGS WHICH HAVE AN INTERNET COMPONENT TO IT. WHENEVER WE GET AN ESTATE, WHICH IS RARE. BUT SOMETIMES WE GET ESTATES THAT HAVE VERY HIGH VALUE PROPERTIES, LIKE JEWELRY, VERY EXPENSIVE JEWELRY OR COLLECTIBLES OR ARTWORK, AND FOR THOSE TYPES OF HIGH VALUE ITEMS, WE DO CONSIGN THOSE TO MAJOR AUCTION HOUSES. SUCH AS



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1 SOTHEBY'S OR CHRISTIE'S OR BUTTERFIELD'S, BOTTOM'S. AND THOSE
2 AUCTION HOUSES DO MAKE PICTURES OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLINE.
3 THEY ALLOW FOR TELEPHONE BIDDING AND ALSO INTERNET BIDDING.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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7 **MARK SALADINO:** SO WHERE WE THINK IT'S FEASIBLE, WE DO IT. BUT
8 FOR THIS KIND OF DAY-TO-DAY HOUSEHOLD STUFF I DON'T THINK IT
9 REALLY MAKES A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE
12 LOOKING AT IT, THOUGH, RIGHT? 22 PERCENT IS PRETTY GOOD.

13

14 **MARK SALADINO:** YES, WE'LL LOOK AT IT. IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT
15 COMES TO OUR ATTENTION THAT WE SAY WOULD GO WELL ON EBAY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SAID YES. I'LL MOVE ITEM 18.
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M REALLY GLAD I ASKED THAT
20 QUESTION.

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22 **MARK SALADINO:** NO, WE DON'T WANT TO PUT THAT ON EBAY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANE MCGLORY, WHO'S SURVIVED BY HER
3 HUSBAND ALBERT, AND THEIR SONS JOHN AND JOSEPH.. JANE WAS MY
4 APPOINTEE TO THE PROBATION COMMISSION. SHE SERVED WITH
5 DISTINCTION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. QUITE ACTIVE IN THE SAN
6 FERNANDO VALLEY. WONDERFUL LADY, GREAT ROLE MODEL. ONE TIME
7 SHE WAS A DEPUTY SHERIFF AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS
8 QUITE ACTIVE IN VALLEY CROSS ROADS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
9 CHURCH IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND WELL-LOVED AND RESPECTED
10 AND WAS AN ACTIVE PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR PROBATION
11 COMMISSION. ALSO IN MEMORY OF MILLARD DAVIDSON, WHO WAS A
12 MEMBER OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES AND SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT
13 IN 1981. HE HAD BEEN DOWN TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MANY
14 TIMES FOR THE COURT OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. DIRAMAYR MARIE
15 MARDIROSSIAN PASSED AWAY APRIL 15TH IS SURVIVED BY HER SON,
16 WHO IS THE ARCHBISHOP MARDIROSSIAN OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE
17 ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH. HER SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND
18 DAUGHTER SHE LEAVES. WE ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MARIE'S MEMORY.
19 PATRICIA "PAT" WHITSON, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
20 AND ALSO WAS AN HONORED QUEEN OF THE JOB'S DAUGHTER BETHEL
21 #209 WHO WAS MISS LANCASTER, MARCHED IN ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH
22 SCHOOL BAND FOR THE ROSE PARADE BACK IN 1955. ACTIVE WITH THE
23 Y.M.C.A. INDIAN MAIDENS WITH HER DAUGHTERS. SURVIVED BY HER
24 HUSBAND OF 54 YEARS, PAUL, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. JEAN
25 SWALLOW PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 9TH. SHE WAS A GOOD FRIEND. SHE



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1 MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AS A TEENAGER AND WENT TO UNIVERSITY HIGH
2 SCHOOL IN WEST LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE WAS INVOLVED. SHE
3 ATTENDED THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC IN LONDON AND THEN TO
4 PURSUE A MUSIC CAREER. AND THEN WITH HER PASSION FOR POLITICS,
5 SHE JOINED THE RANKS OF THE GOLDWATER GIRLS IN '64 AND A FEW
6 YEARS LATER WORKED FOR CONGRESSMAN BARRY GOLDWATER, JR. AFTER
7 15 YEARS WORKING FOR BARRY, THEN SHE SPENT HER TIME AS A
8 GRANDMOTHER AND WORKING IN HER FAMILY BUSINESS. A VERY SWEET
9 LADY. WELL-RESPECTED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. JACK WEAVER,
10 DEPUTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RETIRED AFTER
11 25 YEARS. ZOE ANN LINGLE STINE TEACHER FOR THE L.A. UNIFIED
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 31 YEARS. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
13 75. GILBERT FLORES, RETIRED SERGEANT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ISABEL PRICE ARNETT, ACTIVE IN THE SAN
15 GABRIEL VALLEY. WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF PASADENA AND
16 WAS A GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A. ERNEST ROGER MCINTYRE, PASSED AWAY
17 AT THE AGE OF 79. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. A
18 MEMBER OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA. JERRY GILLAM
19 AND COURTNEY FRANCES STEWART WAS A GRADUATE OF CLAREMONT HIGH
20 SCHOOL THAT DON HAD BROUGHT IN. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,
21 MR. CHAIRMAN.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COUPLE ITEMS.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DID. AND IF WE COULD HAVE MIGUEL SANTANA
2 AND TRISH PLOEHN?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN ALWAYS ASK THE TREASURER TAX
5 COLLECTOR TO COME BACK AND TALK ABOUT EBAY.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, 58-A.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. 58-A. DO YOU WANT A STAFF
10 REPORT FIRST? OR ARE YOU GOING TO ASK SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M GOING TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REASON I HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY
17 WHICH IS ASKING FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE 14 CASES
18 THAT WERE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION LAST WEEK, WHICH WERE JUST
19 SHOCKING AND VERY, VERY-- I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD HAVE
20 SOCIAL WORKERS OVERSEEING THESE TYPES OF CASES AND THEN
21 ALLOWING THESE CHILDREN TO BE MURDERED. 13 OF THE 14 CHILDREN
22 WHO DIED WERE TWO YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER. AND A MAJORITY OF THE
23 14 CASES HAD POLICY VIOLATIONS RELATED TO PREVIOUS CASEWORKER;
24 HOWEVER, ONLY SIX WERE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
25 AND FAMILY SERVICES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AND THE QUESTION IS:



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1 WHAT ROLE WOULD THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
2 HAVE HAD IN PREVENTING THESE TYPES OF CASES FROM HAPPENING
3 AGAIN? I GUESS TRISH OR MIGUEL?

4

5 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I BELIEVE WITH THAT NEW POSITION THAT'S BEING
6 CREATED IS GOING TO ASSIST US GREATLY. ONE, THEY WILL BE ABLE
7 TO NOT ONLY LOOK INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT AT THE ACTIONS THAT ARE
8 TAKEN OR NOT TAKEN THAT AT ALL OF THE OTHER ENTITIES THAT
9 TOUCH THESE CHILDREN'S LIVES, OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL
10 AS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES. BECAUSE THEY'RE WORKING
11 DIRECTLY FOR THE BOARD, THEY CAN LOOK AT THE BIGGER PROBLEM,
12 THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT CROSS BOUNDARIES AND THEN MAKE A
13 RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR CHANGES AS WELL AS HELP THE
14 DEPARTMENT TO LOOP BACK THIS INFORMATION THAT WE'RE LEARNING
15 FROM THESE CASES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE EMBEDDING THESE NEW
16 PRACTICE POLICIES INTO TRAINING AND SUPERVISION, INTO OUR
17 CONTRACT MONITORING AND AUDIT MONITORING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW COULD AUTOMATIC DATA SHARING ENHANCE THE
20 PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE?

21

22 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IT WOULD ENHANCE IT GREATLY. WE NEED TWO THINGS
23 IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. WE NEED THIS AUTOMATED SYSTEM
24 THAT ALLOWS THIS INFORMATION TO BE SHIFTED THROUGH THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ALL OF THE OTHER



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1 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ANY KIND OF STATE AGENCIES THAT WOULD HAVE
2 WOULD HAVE CONTACT WITH A CHILD OR A FAMILY THAT COULD BE
3 ENDANGERED. WE ALSO NEED LEGISLATIVE REFORM AROUND ALL THE
4 ISSUES OF CONFIDENTIALITY. THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM IS PROBABLY
5 EASIER PROBLEM TO FIX, BUT WE REALLY NEED CONTINUED ASSISTANCE
6 WITH TRYING TO KNOCK DOWN THOSE BARRIERS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO
7 SHARE INFORMATION BEFORE THE ABUSE OCCURS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, MIGUEL, IS THAT IN THE BUDGET THAT THE
10 BOARD WILL BE APPROVING?

11

12 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON A REPORT LOOKING AT
13 VARIOUS MODELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION
14 BACK TO THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG? BECAUSE WE'VE HAD
17 PREVIOUS FATALITIES AS HORRENDOUS AS THE ONES THAT ARE BEFORE
18 US TODAY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TIME LAG. I DON'T UNDERSTAND
19 WHY IT TAKES SO LONG TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN AS WE SPEAK
20 THERE ARE CHILDREN RIGHT NOW WHO ARE ASKING FOR HELP AND NOT
21 RECEIVING IT.

22

23 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL THE ISSUES ARE VERY COMPLICATED,
24 UNFORTUNATELY. THE LEGAL ISSUES IN PARTICULAR ARE A PROBLEM.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE LEGAL ISSUES?

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3 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** THE ISSUES OF CONFIDENTIALITY. WHO HAS ACCESS
4 TO THE INFORMATION? WHAT SYSTEM MANAGES THAT INFORMATION? HOW
5 DO YOU MAINTAIN THAT INFORMATION? ALL OF THOSE ISSUES ARE
6 FILLED WITH BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS. SO WE'VE BEEN
7 TRYING TO SORT IT OUT. THE APPROACH THAT WE'RE TAKING IS
8 PHASING IT IN USING AN EXISTING SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE THROUGH
9 THE F.C.I. AS A PRELIMINARY TOOL TO BEGIN THAT PROCESS. BUT
10 THAT WILL ONLY GET US PARTIALLY THERE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, IF THERE
13 IS SUCH A PROBLEM-- BECAUSE WE'VE HAD IT WITH THE PROBATION
14 CAMPS AND L.A.C.O.E. AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK THAT OUT WITH
15 MENTAL HEALTH, IF THERE IS A ROADBLOCK, WHY WE CAN'T BE
16 SPONSORING LEGISLATION AT THE STATE LEVEL TO GET THIS TYPE OF
17 REFORM ENACTED IMMEDIATELY. BECAUSE AGAIN AS WE SPEAK, THE ONE
18 CASE WHERE YOU HAD A WOMAN WITH FIVE CHILDREN BEING MURDERED
19 AND NOW SOME IN FOSTER CARE AND ONE THROWN AGAINST THE WALL.
20 IT DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO KNOW THAT THERE'S A
21 PROBLEM. AND WE NEED THE LEGISLATURE IF THAT'S REQUIRED TO
22 ENACT SUCH A REFORM, TO SHARING INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION
23 IS BEING SHARED TO SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE AND NOT TO PROTECT THE
24 MURDERER OF THAT CHILD.

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1 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** AND WE AGREE. I SAW A DRAFT OF THE REPORT
2 YESTERDAY. I'M HOPEFUL TO HAVE IT UP TO YOUR OFFICES BY THE
3 END OF NEXT WEEK.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IS THERE A SPOT BILL THAT WE CAN BE
6 SUPPORTING AT THE STATE LEVEL?

7
8 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL, ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT WE
9 STRENGTHENED HOW THE F.C.I. IS USED. THE F.C.I. IS LEGISLATED,
10 AND SO WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO BUILD UPON THAT. FAMILY CHILD
11 INDEX. AND IT'S BASICALLY A SYSTEM THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS IN
12 THE COUNTY THAT WAS AUTHORED AS PERMISSIBLE THROUGH STATE
13 LEGISLATION A COUPLE DECADES AGO. BUT IT DOESN'T QUITE GET US
14 THERE. IT'S VERY LIMITED. IT'S ONLY AS GOOD AS THE INFORMATION
15 THAT'S PUT IN IT. MOST DEPARTMENTS REALLY DON'T IMPLEMENT THE
16 INFORMATION. AND THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS AROUND WHAT COULD BE
17 PERMITTED INSIDE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE KNOW THAT A DEPARTMENT IS NOT
20 IMPLEMENTING IT?

21
22 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** BECAUSE WHEN WE RUN THE SYSTEM, IT HAS HOLES
23 THROUGHOUT IT. I MEAN THE I.C.A.N. IS THE ONE THAT FACILITATES
24 THAT, THEY'LL BE THE THE FIRST TO TELL YOU THAT IT'S NOT AS
25 EFFECTIVE AS IT COULD BE. SO ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE WANT



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1 TO DO IS REQUIRE THEM, DEPARTMENTS TO ENFORCE AND INPUT THE
2 INFORMATION THAT'S REQUIRED BUT ALSO AT THE LEGISLATURE TO
3 STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO PUT MORE INFORMATION. THE IDEAL
4 SYSTEM THAT WE WANT TO CREATE IS A TOOL WHERE ANY SOCIAL
5 WORKER WHEN WE WALK INTO A NEW SITUATION CAN ACCESS AS MUCH
6 INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THAT CASE, WHETHER THE FAMILY
7 HAS ANY CRIMINAL HISTORY, WHETHER THEY'RE ON PROBATION OR
8 PAROLE. WHAT OTHER SERVICES ARE WE RECEIVING. THAT'S A VERY--
9 THERE ARE ISSUES WITH IF THEY'RE RECEIVING ANY KIND OF HEALTH
10 OR MENTAL HEALTH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW THEY'RE DENIED THAT?

13

14 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** I'M SORRY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW A SOCIAL WORKER IS DENIED THAT
17 INFORMATION?

18

19 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** THEY ACCESS THE SYSTEM TODAY, BUT IT'S
20 INCOMPLETE. AND SO--

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT INFORMATION DO THEY RECEIVE TODAY?
23 WHAT TYPE? YOU SAY IT'S INCOMPLETE. SO WHAT DO THEY RECEIVE?

24



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1 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WHAT THEY RECEIVE IS BASICALLY THE NAME AND
2 THE PHONE NUMBER OF ANOTHER COUNTY OFFICIAL WHO HAS SOMEHOW
3 ACCESSED THAT FAMILY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. IT DOESN'T SAY WHY
4 THEY ACCESSED THEM OR HOW THEY ACCESSED THEM. SO THE BURDEN'S
5 ON THE SOCIAL WORKER TO THEN CALL UP.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE BURDEN HAS BEEN
8 BROUGHT TO THE BOARD SO THE BOARD COULD USE THEIR ACTIVITIES
9 AND ACTIONS AND INFLUENCE TO GET THOSE VARIOUS LAWS AND
10 PROCEDURES CHANGED.

11

12 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE AGAIN, HOW MANY DEATHS HAVE WE HAD IN
15 THE PAST WHERE WE THOUGHT WE TOOK ACTION AND DID A REVIEW AND
16 PUT IN SOME REFORMS AND NOW WE'RE LEARNING THAT WE'RE STILL
17 NOT SHARING INFORMATION, VITAL INFORMATION, LIFE AND DEATH
18 INFORMATION FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND, AGAIN, THESE CHILDREN
19 BEING MURDERED.

20

21 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** RIGHT. WELL THAT'S A REAL CONCERN, SUPERVISOR.
22 THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE THE--

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEES WE
25 CREATED? THEY NEVER CAME UP WITH THAT NEED AND ASKED THE



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1 BOARD-- THIS IS THE KIND OF OMNIBUS LEGISLATION WE NEED TO GET
2 THIS RESOLVED ONCE AND FOR ALL? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

3

4 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
5 SORTED THROUGH ALL THE ISSUES. BUT I COULD TELL YOU THAT WE'RE
6 VERY CLOSE TO THAT POINT. I REVIEWED A DRAFT MEMO THIS WEEK.
7 AND AGAIN I HOPE TO HAVE IT RELEASED TO YOU NEXT WEEK.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE NUMBER OF CASEWORKERS INVOLVED IN THESE
10 14 FATALITIES, THERE WERE 10 OF THE CASEWORKERS INVOLVED WITH
11 THE 14?

12

13 **TRISH PLOEHN:** NO. OF THE 14 CASES, ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN
14 INVESTIGATED BY CRITICAL INCIDENT FATALITY SECTION WHICH IS
15 WITHIN MY DEPARTMENT. OF THOSE, 10 HAVE POLICY VIOLATIONS.
16 SOME OF THEM SERIOUS, SOME NOT SO SERIOUS. ONCE THAT
17 INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE, IT GOES TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ONCE
18 THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE, IT GOES TO
19 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE.
20 ONE OF THE 10 CASES HAS GONE ON TO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AT
21 THIS POINT IN TIME. THE OTHER NINE ARE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
22 THERE IS A TOTAL OF ON THESE 14 CASES 53 STAFF UNDER
23 INVESTIGATION. 23 C.S.W.S, 21 S.C.S.W.S ONE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 NURSE AND EIGHT MANAGERS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ONE CASE WHERE A CHILD TWO-YEAR OLD DIES
2 OF MALNUTRITION AND TRAUMATIC INJURY. WHY WOULDN'T THE SOCIAL
3 WORKER OBSERVE THAT THE CHILD WAS STARVING TO DEATH?

4

5 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. AND ON THAT CASE,
6 THOSE WORKERS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR EXACTLY THAT REASON.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE MONITOR OUR WORKERS WHO GO OUT IN
9 THE FIELD RELATIVE TO THE HEALTH OF THE CLIENT THAT THEY'RE
10 OBSERVING?

11

12 **TRISH PLOEHN:** WELL ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE IS
13 THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO INVOLVE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES. WE ARE
14 ALSO SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR MEDICAL CONSULTS WITH THE
15 DOCTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE CHILD WAS ACTUALLY SEEN BY A DOCTOR
16 AND WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THAT EXAMINATION IS. AND THERE WERE
17 FAILURES ON THAT PARTICULAR CASE THAT YOU'RE REFERENCING.
18 THERE WERE FAILURES IN ALL OF THOSE AREAS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AGAIN IF THE ONE ANOTHER CASE WHERE THERE
21 WAS MEDICAL NEGLECT FOR A THIRD CHILD. YOU KNOW, A LOT OF
22 THESE CASES YOU COULD OBSERVE. I MEAN A CHILD COULD OBSERVE
23 THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN THE HOME. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW
24 WE HAVE PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE GRADUATES IN THAT LEVEL OF
25 AUTHORITY GOING IN AND NOT REPORTING THOSE CONDITIONS THAT THE



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1 CHILDREN ARE BEING FORCED TO LIVE IN. AND ACTUALLY OUR JAILS
2 ARE LIKE BEVERLY HILLS COMPARED TO WHAT THESE KIDS HAVE BEEN
3 FORCED TO LIVE IN.

4

5 **TRISH PLOEHN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I COULD NOT AGREE WITH
6 YOU MORE. LAST YEAR WE GOT 166,000 CALLS TO OUR HOT LINES.
7 THERE IS ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY AND
8 MOST OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS DO A VERY GOOD JOB OF
9 INVESTIGATING, BUT THERE WERE FAILURES ON THESE 14 CASES, OR
10 AT LEAST A PORTION OF THESE 14 CASES. THOSE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE
11 BEING INVESTIGATED. IF IT IS DEEMED THAT THEY ARE NOT
12 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS WORK, THEN THEY WILL BE NO LONGER WORKING
13 FOR MY DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DO HAVE SOMEONE SIGNED UP. SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY, GO AHEAD. AND THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS. I'LL TRY TO
21 ORGANIZE IT. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME GET TO SOMETHING THAT MR.
22 SANTANA WAS ADDRESSING AND REALLY ADDRESSED IT TO YOU, TRISH.
23 WHEN THERE'S A CALL MADE, A REFERRAL MADE, ONE OF YOUR SOCIAL
24 WORKERS GOES TO A HOUSE AND TAKES A REPORT, GOOD, BAD OR
25 INDIFFERENT, THAT REPORT GETS FILED; DOES IT NOT?



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2 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIX MONTHS LATER IF THE SAME FAMILY IN THE
5 SAME HOUSE GETS ANOTHER HOT LINE CALL OR ANOTHER REFERRAL,
6 THAT SOCIAL WORKER OR WHOEVER THE SOCIAL WORKER IS THAT'S
7 ASSIGNED TO THAT SECOND CALL HAS ACCESS TO THE PRIOR CALLS; IS
8 THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE OF THE CASES THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING
13 TODAY I BELIEVE HAD 25 PRIOR REFERRALS IN ONE HOUSEHOLD, 25
14 PRIOR REFERRALS. I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE EXPANSION PROGRAM DOES
15 THAT YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE. YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW MANY TIMES
16 AND WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES AND HOW IT WAS RESOLVED
17 WHEN A SOCIAL WORKER GOES TO A HOUSE. THAT'S ONE ISSUE. I JUST
18 WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY.

19

20 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CAN I JUST ON THAT PARTICULAR CASE?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PLEASE.

23

24 **TRISH PLOEHN:** WHAT THE SITUATION WAS ON THAT CASE. THERE WERE
25 ONLY TWO PRIOR REFERRALS ON THAT CHILD. THE OTHER 22 REFERRALS



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1 WERE ON THE MOTHER WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD, SHE WAS A MINOR
2 MOTHER WHEN THIS CHILD WAS BORN, SO THAT'S WHY IT REFLECTED.
3 THEY WERE ALL REFERRALS-- NOT ALL OF THEM. BUT THE MAJORITY OF
4 THEM WERE REFERRALS DURING THE TIME THAT SHE LIVED IN OUR
5 SYSTEM. THEY WERE REFERRALS LIKE SHE RAN AWAY FROM HER GROUP
6 HOME THIS TYPE OF THING. THIS ONE FOR THE CHILD THAT PASSED
7 AWAY THERE HAD BEEN TWO PREVIOUS REFERRALS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS GIRL WHO WAS 22 TIMES, YOU HAD A
10 REFERRAL ON HER WHEN SHE WAS A MINOR PARENT--

11

12 **TRISH PLOEHN:** SHE WAS A MINOR OR MINOR PARENT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE IS NOW AN ADULT ON WHOM THERE WERE TWO
15 REFERRALS, CORRECT?

16

17 **TRISH PLOEHN:** NO. I BELIEVE SHE'S STILL ONLY 17 AS A MINOR
18 MOTHER.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO SHE'S STILL A MINOR. IN ANY CASE, THE
21 INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO OUR SOCIAL WORKER WORLD.

22

23 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WAS A CASE THAT WASN'T REPORTED IN THE
2 PAPER, WHICH I GUESS THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH SPACE THIS MORNING,
3 BUT THERE'S A CASE THAT ACTUALLY IS I THINK IT'S IN NORTHRIDGE
4 OR SOMEWHERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHERE A CHILD DROWNED
5 IN A SWIMMING POOL. DO YOU REMEMBER THAT CASE?

6

7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I DO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW OLD WAS THE CHILD?

10

11 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THREE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SWIMMING POOL WAS FULL OF GOOP. IT WAS
14 OPAQUE. YOU COULDN'T SEE SIX INCHES INTO THE POOL. CERTAINLY
15 COULDN'T SEE THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL. THERE WAS A FENCE AROUND
16 THE POOL BUT THE GATE WAS OPEN THE DAY THAT THE THREE YEAR OLD
17 GOT THROUGH THE GATE AND THEN FELL INTO THE POOL AND DROWNED.
18 THEY COULDN'T EVEN FIND THE BODY, THEY COULDN'T SEE THE BODY.
19 THAT MORNING WE HAD A SOCIAL WORKER AT THE SITE.

20

21 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE ANY COMPUTER, ANY FAILSAFE SYSTEM,
24 ANY SET OF SUPERVISORS, ANY SET OF OVERSEERS THAT COULD HAVE
25 INFUSED ANY MORE INFORMATION UPON THAT SOCIAL WORKER THE DAY



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1 HE OR SHE WENT OUT TO THAT SWIMMING POOL, THE HOUSE WITH THE
2 SWIMMING POOL THAT WOULD HAVE SIGNALLED TO THAT SOCIAL WORKER
3 THAT THERE WAS TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY? WAS IT NOT ENOUGH TO--
4 NOT TO MENTION THE CONDITION OF THE HOUSE, WHICH WE DON'T HAVE
5 TO DETAIL HERE. IS THERE ANY MORE INFORMATION THAT THAT SOCIAL
6 WORKER NEEDED? SHE DIDN'T NEED TO ACCESS A COMPUTER. SHE
7 DIDN'T NEED TO CALL YOU. SHE DIDN'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING. ANY
8 TOM, DICK OR HARRY COULD SEE THAT THERE WAS TROUBLE.

9

10 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I AGREE. BASICALLY IF THE SOCIAL WORKER THAT
11 VISITED THAT MORNING OR THE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY SOCIAL WORKER
12 THAT HAD VISITED TWO DAYS BEFORE HAD JUST SHOOK THE GATE AND
13 DETERMINED IT WAS UNLOCKED, THEN THIS INCIDENT MAY NOT HAVE
14 OCCURRED, OR INCIDENT PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE GATE WAS UNLOCKED. THE POOL WAS NOT
17 CLEANED. THE HOUSE WAS A PIGSTY. ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE
18 IN THE REPORT. IT WASN'T JUST ONE THING.

19

20 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ISSUES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, TRISH. WHEN--
23 ACCORDING TO WHAT WE GOT FROM YOU AND WHAT YOU JUST SAID, THE
24 SOCIAL WORKERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THESE CASES HAVE BEEN



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1 TAKEN OUT OF THE FIELD OR WHATEVER THE TECHNICAL TERM IS,
2 THEY'RE NOT ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, ARE THEY?

3

4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** WHEN WE HAVE A SITUATION LIKE THIS, I TAKE THEM
5 OFF OF THEIR CASE WORK SO THEY DON'T HAVE DIRECT WORK WITH
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THEY DO PAPERWORK OR DESK WORK.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID THEY GET TAKEN OFF OF THE CASE
9 WORK?

10

11 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IN THAT CASE?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. ON ALL THE CASES. WERE THEY ALL TAKEN
14 OFF-- TELL ME WHAT THE PRACTICE IS ON WHEN YOU TAKE PEOPLE OFF
15 A CASE.

16

17 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IT DEPENDS. WHEN THE CASE COME TO OUR ATTENTION,
18 SOMETIMES YOU DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAT IT IS
19 RELATED TO DEATH, I MEAN THAT THE DEATH IS RELATED TO ABUSE
20 AND NEGLECT. SOMETIMES IT'S WAITING FOR A CORONER'S REPORT.
21 BUT AT THE POINT IN TIME THAT WE BECOME AWARE THAT THERE ARE
22 PERFORMANCE ISSUES THAT A CHILD HAS DIED AS A RESULT OF
23 POTENTIALLY A SOCIAL WORKER'S PERFORMANCE OR LACK OF
24 PERFORMANCE MAY HAVE ATTRIBUTED TO THAT, THAT'S WHEN WE ARE TO
25 PULL THEM OFF.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ALL THESE SOCIAL WORKERS WERE PULLED OFF
3 AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN TIME. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE
4 CONTEXT OF THEIR CASE, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WHEN YOU
5 DETERMINED THAT THESE DEATHS WERE FOR THE REASONS YOU JUST
6 ARTICULATED, ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THAT THEY WERE PULLED OFF IN
7 EACH AND EVERY?

8

9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I'VE GOT MY STAFF CHECKING ON EVERY SINGLE ONE
10 OF THESE 14 TO ENSURE THAT IS INDEED THE CASE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK ANOTHER AREA OF ENQUIRY HERE
13 WHICH BOTHERS ME. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CASES THAT WERE IN THE
14 YEAR 2008, CORRECT?

15

16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU DON'T KNOW, IF YOU
19 HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT, BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW 2008 IN
20 THIS CONTEXT DIFFERS FROM 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004?

21

22 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 2007, WE HAD 12 DEATHS
23 THAT HAD D.C.F.S. HISTORY THAT WERE ABUSE AND NEGLECT RELATED.
24 2006 THERE WERE 14. I ALSO, AS PART OF THIS INVESTIGATION--

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND 2008 IT WAS, WHAT, 14 AS WELL? 14, 12,
2 14.

3

4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT. I ALSO CONSULTED, AS PART OF THIS
5 INVESTIGATION, WITH K.C. FAMILY PROGRAMS, BECAUSE ONE OF THE
6 PROBLEMS THAT I HAD IS WHERE DOES LOS ANGELES COUNTY STAND
7 WITH REGARDS TO CHILD DEATHS AS COMPARED TO OTHER URBAN
8 COUNTIES OR OTHER STATES? AND BASICALLY THEY SAID THAT WE'RE
9 ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE. IT'S ABOUT 1 CHILD DEATH FOR ABUSE AND
10 NEGLECT PER 200,000 CHILDREN PER CAPITA. THAT'S NOT TO SAY
11 THAT'S ACCEPTABLE. IT'S JUST TO SAY THAT IT IS AVERAGE ACROSS
12 THE COUNTRY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS IN 2005 AND 2004?

15

16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** NO. I'VE ASKED THEM TO PULL THOSE NUMBERS. WE
17 KEPT A DIFFERENT RECORD OF CHILD DEATHS AT THAT POINT IN TIME.
18 WHEN I CAME ON BOARD IN 2006, WHEN I DEVELOPED THE RISK
19 MANAGEMENT DIVISION, WE PUT IN PLACE A TRACKING MECHANISM FOR
20 THESE CHILD DEATHS. THAT'S WHY I'M ONLY ABLE TO GO BACK THIS
21 FAR AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 12 OR 14 OF THE SUBJECT OF MR. ANTONOVICH'S
24 MOTION AND THE SUBJECT OF YOUR DOCUMENTS, OF THE DOCUMENT THAT



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1 YOU SHARED WITH OUR STAFFS, 12 OF THE 13 OR 14 ARE CHILDREN
2 WHO WERE WITH THEIR PARENTS. PARENT OR PARENTS.

3

4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** LET'S SEE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY WERE NOT IN FOSTER CARE.

7

8 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THERE WERE 11 CHILDREN THAT WERE WITH THEIR
9 PARENTS. OR THERE WAS ONE THAT WAS WITH A LEGAL GUARDIAN.
10 THERE IS ONE THAT WAS WITH RELATIVES. AND THERE WAS ONE THAT
11 WAS THE N.A. FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN I SAW THAT FIGURE, SO IT'S 13 OUT OF 14
14 WHO WERE NOT WITH A FOSTER CARE AGENCY IS THE THING.

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16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH PARENTS OR ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER OR ONE
19 WAS A LEGAL GUARDIAN. THAT PIQUED MY INTEREST. AS YOU KNOW, MY
20 INTEREST HAS BEEN PIQUED IN THE PAST YEAR ON THE IMPACT OF THE
21 4-E WAIVER ON THE PLACEMENT OF OUR-- OF HOW WE DEAL WITH SOME
22 OF OUR KIDS. AND I'M NOT JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, BUT I'VE BEEN
23 CONCERNED THAT ONE OF THE DOWNSIDES OF THE 4-E WAIVER IS THAT
24 FINANCIALLY INCENTIVIZES US NOT TO PULL A KID FROM A HOUSE,
25 FROM THEIR PARENT OR THEIR LEGAL GUARDIAN. THIS STARTED



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1 OBVIOUSLY WITH DR. SANDERS AND CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. WE PUT A
2 PREMIUM ON TRYING TO KEEP KIDS WITH THEIR FAMILIES. BUT THERE
3 IS THE FLIP SIDE OF THAT IS THAT THERE IS A FINANCIAL INTEREST
4 FOR THE COUNTY TO KEEP THE KIDS WITH THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE IF
5 WE PULL THEM, IT'S GOING TO COST US MONEY. AND WE DRAW DOWN
6 WHATEVER SAVINGS WE HAVE IN THE 4-E WAIVER. IT'S A ZERO SUM
7 GAME FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT. SO WHEN I SAW THAT 13 OUT OF 14 WERE
8 IN THIS CATEGORY, IT RE-PIQUED MY INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE. DO
9 YOU HAVE ANY WAY OF KNOWING KNOWING-- IT WOULD BE VERY
10 REASONABLE FOR YOU NOT TO KNOW AT THIS POINT, BUT IT'S
11 SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO KNOW. I THINK THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW
12 IS: WHY WERE VIRTUALLY ALL OF THESE KIDS WITH THEIR PARENTS,
13 IN ONE CASE A LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND ONLY ONE WAS PULLED? DOES IT
14 AT ALL CONCERN YOU? DOES IT RAISE A FLAG? RAISE AN EYEBROW? A
15 SUSPICION IN YOUR MIND AS TO WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE?

16

17 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES. I DON'T THINK IT HAS TO DO SO MUCH WITH NOT
18 BRINGING A CHILD INTO CARE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT 10 YEARS AGO
19 WHEN WE HAD 50,000 CHILDREN IN CARE, WE WERE, IN ESSENCE,
20 ABUSING THOSE CHILDREN BY REMOVING THEM FROM FAMILIES AND
21 HAVING THEM GROW UP WITHOUT THEM. BUT IN THESE PARTICULAR
22 CASES, I BELIEVE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE FLAW WAS IN THE LACK
23 OF DEPTH OF THE INTERNAL OR OF THE INVESTIGATION THAT WAS DONE
24 ON THE FRONT END. I THINK IT'S BASICALLY AT LEAST ON 11 OF
25 THESE CASES, THERE ARE ISSUES OF-- THE QUESTION THAT WASN'T



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1 ASKED, THE DOCTOR THAT WASN'T CONSULTED, OR THE CHILD THAT
2 WASN'T INTERVIEWED OR SEEN SEPARATELY OR UNDRESSED
3 APPROPRIATELY. SO THAT IS WHERE I'M PUTTING MY FOCUS. WE'VE
4 DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THIS. WE
5 FIND THAT ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF EVERY CHILD THAT COMES INTO OUR
6 SYSTEM, JUST EVEN TO BE INVESTIGATED THEIR FAMILY HAS A
7 PROBLEM EITHER WITH MENTAL HEALTH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR
8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. SO USING THOSE REINVESTABLE FUNDS THAT YOU
9 JUST REFERENCED OUT OF THE WAIVER, ONE OF THE MAJOR THINGS
10 WE'RE FUNDING THIS YEAR ARE CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
11 AGENCIES TO ACCOMPANY OUR SOCIAL WORKERS AND IT'S GOING TO BE
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY, TO DO SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIONS ON THOSE
13 ISSUES. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE TRAINED THAT MY SOCIAL
14 WORKERS ARE NOT TRAINED TO DO TO LOOK AT THOSE ISSUES. I THINK
15 THAT'S GOING TO HELP A LOT TO START TO UNEARTH SOME OF THE
16 ISSUES THAT ARE SOMETIMES WELL-HIDDEN BY THESE FAMILIES AND
17 THAT WE JUST NEED TO DO A MORE IN DEPTH LOOK AT THIS. I ALSO
18 HAVE HAD SINCE DECEMBER OF '08 A WORKGROUP GOING ON IN THE
19 DEPARTMENT. IT'S FOR BASICALLY THE TOTAL RECREATION OF OUR
20 EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS, BOTH COMMAND POST, HOT LINE AND
21 E.R. AND I THINK THOSE REPORTS ARE DUE TO US PROBABLY WITHIN
22 THE NEXT MONTH WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I BELIEVE THAT
23 WILL GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING, AS WELL.
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE THING THAT BOTHERS ME, MORE THAN THE
2 REVELATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK, IS THAT
3 YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME NUMBER OF CASES, LET'S JUST
4 SAY THE LAST THREE YEARS, THIS YEAR OR THE YEAR BEFORE. AND
5 THE ODDS ARE THAT IF WE LOOKED AT EACH OF THOSE FILES TODAY,
6 THAT WE WOULD FIND THE SAME KINDS OF EGREGIOUS CASES THAT
7 WOULD SHOCK EVERYONE'S SENSIBILITIES, CORRECT.

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9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I WOULD SAY THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HITTING KIDS, HITTING THEIR HEAD AGAINST THE
12 WALL, LETTING THEM WALK INTO A POOL AND DROWN, ALL OF THESE
13 THINGS IN FILES ARE LIKELY TO BE IN OTHER FILES. SO THE ONLY
14 DIFFERENCE REALLY BETWEEN 2006 AND '07 ON THE ONE HAND AND
15 2008 ON THE OTHER IS THAT 2008 IS PUBLIC AND IT MADE THE FRONT
16 PAGE OF THE NEWSPAPER. THIS IS NOT NEWS TO YOU OR TO US,
17 CORRECT?

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19 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT. I KNOW ABOUT THE DEATHS AND
20 YOU'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE DEATHS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE GET THE DEATH REPORTS, I GET THEM
23 SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S EVERY DAY BUT IT'S NOT EVERY DAY.
24 THEY'RE JUST UGLY ENOUGH THAT THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE EVERY
25 DAY. BUT WE GET EVERY REPORT. EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD GETS



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1 EVERY REPORT. I GET THEM PERSONALLY. SO THIS IS NOT-- TO ME,
2 THIS ISSUE TO ME WAS MORE IN WHY DOES THIS CONTINUE RATHER
3 THAN, OH MY GOD? BECAUSE THE OH MY GOD MOMENT I HAD THE FIRST
4 YEAR I WAS HERE, AND IT'S BEEN A SERIES OF OH MY GOD MOMENTS
5 THAT WE'VE ALL HAD AND I KNOW YOU'VE HAD AND YOUR PREDECESSORS
6 HAVE HAD. BUT THE ISSUE NOW IS HOW HAVE WE DONE OVER THIS
7 PERIOD OF TIME? AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO GO BEYOND JUST
8 2006 AND TO RATIONALIZE THIS STATISTICAL INFORMATION SO THAT
9 IT'S APPLES TO APPLES, SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT'S BEEN DONE
10 RIGHT AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED UPON. AND THE LAST THING,
11 AND THEN I HAVE A SHORT MOTION I WANT TO READ IN. THE LAST
12 THING I WANT TO RAISE IS THERE WAS A REFERENCE IN THE NEWS
13 REPORT-- I HATE TO REACT JUST TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BECAUSE
14 YOU WEREN'T QUOTED BUT IT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO YOU. AND I KNOW
15 HOW THINGS GET ATTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE THAT THEY DIDN'T SAY. BUT
16 IT WAS-- IT RELATED TO BUDGETARY ISSUES. I WANT TO BE SURE I
17 UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE CASE OF THE KID IN THE
18 POOL OR THE KID WHOSE HEAD WAS SLAMMED AGAINST THE WALL OR ANY
19 OF THE OTHER 12 CASES, IS THERE ANY BUDGETARY REQUEST THAT YOU
20 MADE THAT WASN'T HONORED BUT WOULD HAVE SAVED, IN YOUR
21 JUDGMENT, THE LIVES OF ANY OF THOSE 14 KIDS? AND DID YOU ASK
22 FOR, THAT YOU ASKED FOR?

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24 **TRISH PLOEHN:** WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS. AND I KNOW THE LAST
25 TIME WHEN I BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A CHILD DEATH WE TALKED ABOUT



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1 THE NEED TO DEVELOP A QUALITY ASSURANCE SECTION, WHICH I AM IN
2 THE PROCESS OF DOING. AT THAT POINT IN TIME.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T THE BOARD GIVE YOU POSITIONS FOR THE
5 QUALITY ASSURANCE SECTION?

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7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** NO. WE HAD TALKED ABOUT THAT. AND THAT WAS THE
8 PLAN. AND MR. FUJIOKA WAS 100 PERCENT IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT
9 PLAN AT THAT POINT IN TIME. BUT WITH OUR BUDGET SITUATION THE
10 WAY THAT IT IS, I AM TAKING THOSE POSITIONS OUT OF HIDE. SO
11 THAT'S THE THING I'M PUTTING IN PLACE. THAT WE TALKED ABOUT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE NOT GIVE YOU FIVE POSITIONS FOR
14 QUALITY ASSURANCE?

15

16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I BELIEVE THAT WAS LAST YEAR. I'M SORRY. I
17 THOUGHT YOU WERE TALKING WITH THE UPCOMING BUDGET. YES, YOU
18 GAVE ME FIVE POSITIONS. THE LAST OF THOSE WERE FILLED ABOUT
19 FOUR MONTHS AGO, I BELIEVE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TOOK ALMOST A YEAR TO FILL FIVE POSITIONS?

22

23 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES. THERE WAS THE COUPLE THINGS. THERE WAS THE
24 NEED TO PUT TOGETHER THE LIST, ET CETERA. BUT ALSO WE WENT



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1 THROUGH A VERY EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW PROCESS, BECAUSE THIS TYPE
2 OF WORK REALLY NEEDS SOMEONE THAT HAS SOME SPECIAL SKILLS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH KIND OF WORK?

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6 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY DOING THIS IN DEPTH
7 INVESTIGATION THAT CAN ACTUALLY TEASE OUT SOMETHING THAT MIGHT
8 NOT BE APPARENT WITH REGARDS TO OUR WORKERS' PERFORMANCE AND I
9 THINK THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE RIGHT PEOPLE
10 IN THOSE JOBS. BUT THEY ARE ALL IN PLACE NOW.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN PLACE, ALL OF THEM FOR
13 THE LAST FOUR MONTHS.

14

15 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THE LAST ONE CAME ON BOARD FOUR MONTHS AGO.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID THE FIRST ONE COME ON BOARD?

18

19 **TRISH PLOEHN:** PROBABLY I WOULD TEND TO THINK THREE OR FOUR
20 MONTHS BEFORE THAT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WANT TO JUST SAY THAT IF YOU
23 BELIEVE-- I KNOW HOW THIS SYSTEM HAS EVOLVED HERE THE LAST
24 COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT I WANT-- AND I WANT TO RESPECT THE
25 CHANNELS OF AUTHORITY, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW, THIS IS MY



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1 REQUEST, AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
2 IF YOU EVER BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE NOT GETTING TIMELY RESPONSES
3 TO REQUESTS FOR STAFFING WHICH ARE LIFE AND DEATH IN NATURE,
4 WHOSE JOB IT IS TO ADDRESS LIFE AND DEATH ISSUES AND YOU'RE
5 NOT GETTING A TIMELY ENOUGH RESPONSE FROM THIS BOARD OR FROM
6 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OR FROM WHOMEVER, I WANT YOU TO LET ME
7 KNOW PERSONALLY. I WANT YOU TO LET MY STAFF KNOW. I WANT YOU
8 TO LET ME KNOW PERSONALLY. YOU HAVE MY PHONE NUMBER. YOU KNOW
9 HOW TO GET A HOLD OF ME. I DON'T WANT TO READ THAT YOU DID NOT
10 GET ADEQUATE STAFFING; AS A RESULT KIDS DIED. IF IT GOT CAUGHT
11 UP IN THE BUREAUCRACY, IF IT'S TAKING YOU TOO LONG TO HIRE,
12 WHATEVER THE REASONS ARE, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IF
13 YOU'RE NOT GETTING SATISFACTION. IT MAKES NO-- IT DOES THE
14 KIDS NO GOOD AND IT DOES ME OR YOU NO GOOD FOR YOU TO BE
15 STEWING OVER THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO GET A TIMELY
16 HIRE AND NOT TELL ANYBODY ABOUT IT OR NOT TELL PEOPLE WHO CAN
17 DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT ABOUT IT. AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THAT'S
18 VIOLATING SOME CONTRACT, SOME UNWRITTEN RULE, TALK TO ME ABOUT
19 IT AND WE'LL STRAIGHTEN IT OUT. BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY
20 WOULD OBJECT TO YOU SHARING THAT KIND OF FRUSTRATION WITH US.

21

22 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THEN I WILL AT THIS POINT IN TIME SHARE THIS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, PLEASE.

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1 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IN OUR BUDGET EVERY YEAR, BECAUSE IT IS THE
2 RIGHT THING TO DO, WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE IDEAL IS TO
3 HAVE A CASELOAD OF BETWEEN 12 AND 15 CHILDREN PER SOCIAL
4 WORKER. THAT'S WHAT THE RESEARCH BEARS OUT. THAT'S WHAT THEY
5 HAVE IN NEW YORK CITY. THAT IS WHAT THEY'RE DOING. WE ARE
6 UNABLE TO HAVE THAT CASELOAD BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE
7 OVER 1,000 NEW SOCIAL WORKERS HIRED. AND OBVIOUSLY IN THIS
8 BUDGET SITUATION, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. WE ARE DOING A NUMBER OF
9 THINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK ON CASELOAD REDUCTION TO TRY
10 TO BRING THOSE CASELOADS DOWN FOR OUR SOCIAL WORKERS BUT IN
11 ESSENCE TRULY TO GET TO THE IDEAL NUMBER, THE IDEAL RATIO TO
12 HAVE THE SOCIAL WORKER HAVE 12 TO 15 CHILDREN PER SOCIAL
13 WORKER, WE WOULD NEED ANOTHER 1,000 SOCIAL WORKERS. AND I KNOW
14 THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF COURSE IT'S NOT POSSIBLE AND SO YOU DO
17 THE NEXT BEST THING WHICH IS YOU TRY TO GET SOME INFORMATION.
18 YOU TRY TO HAVE SOME ORGANIZED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CASELOAD
19 SO THAT THE SOCIAL WORKER WHO DESCENDS ON A PERSON'S HOME HAS
20 AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE BACKGROUND AND THE
21 HISTORY OF THAT HOUSEHOLD. BUT ABOVE ALL, AND THIS IS WHAT
22 DRIVES ME UP THE WALL, IS ABOVE ALL, COMMON SENSE ON THE PART
23 OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS. I HAVE NOT EVER GONE TO SOCIAL WORK
24 SCHOOL. MY BET IS THAT IF I HAD WALKED INTO SOMEBODY'S YARD
25 AND SEEN A GATED YARD AND A POOL THAT WAS NOT CLEAN, NOT TO



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1 MENTION THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE DETAILED IN YOUR REPORT, IT
2 WOULD HAVE CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. AND I DON'T HAVE ONE DAY'S
3 TRAINING IN SOCIAL WORK. AND SOMEBODY WHO'S GONE TO SOCIAL
4 WORK SCHOOL, HAS SPENT THE TWO OR THREE YEARS TO GET THEIR
5 MASTERS' IN SOCIAL WORK AND HAS DEVOTED TO THEIR CAREER SHOULD
6 KNOW BETTER THAN TO WALK OUT AND SIGN OFF AS THOUGH NOTHING
7 ELSE IS GOING ON. MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO READ A MOTION
8 IN TO AMEND MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. THERE ARE 18 OTHER CASES
9 THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, AS WELL. I WANT TO MOVE THAT ITEM
10 58-A ON TODAY'S AGENDA REGARDING CHILD FATALITIES IN 2008 TO
11 INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND
12 FAMILY SERVICES AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO ONE, INCLUDE IN THEIR
13 30-DAY REPORT BACK AS CALLED FOR IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE
14 AND QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE
15 ADDITIONAL 18-CHILD FATALITY CASES RECENTLY BROUGHT TO THE
16 BOARD'S ATTENTION. AND, SECOND, THAT WHEN ESTABLISHED, AND
17 HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE ESTABLISHED NEXT WEEK, REFER ALL 32 CASES
18 TO THE CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT FOR INDEPENDENT
19 REVIEW AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS WELL. I
20 THINK WE'RE SCHEDULED TO INTERVIEW A CANDIDATE FOR THAT
21 POSITION NEXT WEEK. AND IT'S CONCEIVABLE WE COULD HIRE THAT
22 PERSON NEXT WEEK. AND HE OR SHE COULD BE ON THEIR WAY IN SHORT
23 ORDER. THAT POSITION HAS BEEN VACANT FOR A LONG TIME. I THINK
24 ONCE WE GET THAT POSITION ON BOARD, THEY SHOULD LOOK AT ALL
25 THESE CASES. IT MAY HELP YOU WITH YOUR ANALYSIS GOING BACK A



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1 FEW YEARS, TOO. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR GIVING ME THAT
2 TIME.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU KNOW THIS ISSUE IS-- EVERY TIME
5 WE SEE IT IN THE PAPER, ALL OF A SUDDEN IT BECOMES A PROMINENT
6 ISSUE. BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE ALL CARE ABOUT.
7 THESE ARE OUR WARDS. THESE ARE OUR CHILDREN. EVERY SINCE LANCE
8 HELMS, IT HAS BEEN OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ME. AND I'VE BEEN
9 GOING THROUGH THIS ISSUE AND REVIEWING ALL OF THESE REPORTS.
10 AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHILE WE ARE AVERAGE,
11 THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES. AND ONE OF THE ISSUES IS, OKAY,
12 THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT SOCIAL WORKERS THAT GO OUT OF THEIR
13 WAY AND THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. THERE ARE A FEW NUMBER OF
14 SOCIAL WORKERS THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON, NO MATTER WHAT POLICY
15 IS IN PLACE, WHATEVER THEY ARE TOLD TO DO, FOR WHATEVER
16 REASON, THEY SHORTCUT THROUGH THE SYSTEM. I DON'T KNOW ALL THE
17 REASONS. BUT IT DOES MERIT OUR INVOLVEMENT IMMEDIATELY.
18 BECAUSE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHILE 14 CHILDREN WERE
19 SUBSTANTIATED, 168 CASES OF DEAD CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY WERE
20 NOT SUBSTANTIATED. IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T KNOW FOR A FACT IF
21 IN FACT THERE WAS ABUSE AND NEGLECT. WE DO KNOW THAT THEY HAD
22 BEEN REFERRED TO OUR DEPARTMENT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. IN SOME
23 INSTANCES IT MAY BE A CHILD THAT WAS REFERRED TO US WHEN THEY
24 WERE EIGHT YEARS OLD AND ARE NOW A 16-YEAR-OLD AND WENT TO
25 SOME PARTY AND SOME GANG PROBLEM AND HE GOT SHOT AND KILLED.



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1 PUT THERE ARE SOME IN WHICH WE'VE HAD REFERRALS IN THE PAST,
2 AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WE FIND A DEAD CHILD. AND BECAUSE OF
3 WHATEVER THE PROCESS WAS IN THE INVESTIGATION DIDN'T TOTALLY
4 SUBSTANTIATE. BUT CONSTANTLY IN ALL OF THESE REVIEWS, THE SAME
5 THING OCCURS IS THAT WE DON'T SEEM TO BE LEARNING FROM EACH OF
6 THESE ISSUES. AND THAT IS WHAT I'M HOPING IS GOING TO CHANGE
7 HERE. IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH TRISH AND MIGUEL, IT SEEMS AS
8 THOUGH THERE ARE THESE WORKING GROUPS THAT ARE NOW STARTING TO
9 MOVE FORWARD ON THAT. IT IS AMAZING TO ME HOW THE LAW STILL
10 INHIBITS US A GREAT DEAL. FOR EXAMPLE, MENTAL HEALTH. STILL,
11 IF A PARENT IS GOING THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THERE'S
12 STILL A LIMITATION AS TO WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION A SOCIAL
13 WORKER CAN GET WHEN IT COMES TO THE STABILITY OF THE PARENT OR
14 THE CARETAKER. ALL AGAIN IN THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE
15 CONFIDENTIALITY. SO THERE'S STILL MANY ISSUES. BUT THE MOST
16 SIGNIFICANT PART IS IS TO START CREATING A MECHANISM BY WHICH
17 WE ARE HOPEFULLY AVOIDING THE PITFALLS IN REVIEWING THESE
18 CASES OR THE 168, MANY OF THEM UNBELIEVABLE DEATHS THAT WHY
19 THEY WEREN'T SUBSTANTIATED, I WOULD GO BACK AND ASK MYSELF
20 BECAUSE I JUST THINK THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN NOT A VERY GOOD
21 INVESTIGATION DONE. BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD-- AND THIS BOARD
22 HAS BEEN TRYING TO SINCE LANCE HELM, TO FIND A WAY. BECAUSE
23 SOMETIMES IT'S JUDGES MAKING, I THINK, THE WRONG DECISION TO
24 PUT A CHILD BACK WITH A PARENT. SOMETIMES OUR SOCIAL WORKERS
25 MAKING THE WRONG DECISION ABOUT A FOSTER PARENT THAT MAY NOT



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1 BE AS EFFECTIVE AS THEY CLAIM TO BE. SOMETIMES IT'S SHORTCUTS.
2 THE SOCIAL WORKERS WILL DO THAT THEY SAY I SAW THE CHILD BUT
3 THEY REALLY DIDN'T SEE THE CHILD. ONLY TO FIND OUT LATER ON
4 THAT THE CHILD DIED OF STARVATION. THERE ARE SO MANY ISSUES
5 THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. BUT ONCE WE'VE-- AND I THINK WE'VE
6 FINALLY GOT TO KNOW A POINT WHERE WE ARE PERFECTING OUR
7 INDEPENDENT REVIEW VERY SIMILAR TO OUR O.I.R., HOPEFULLY WHAT
8 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IS AN EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD
9 LOOK AT THESE CASES AND DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. NUMBER ONE, IF
10 OUR SOCIAL WORKERS NEED TO BE TRAINED MORE EFFECTIVELY THEN WE
11 NEED TO DO THAT. IF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT HANDLING
12 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT THEY KNOW THEY MUST HANDLE
13 EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY, THEN THEY NEED TO EITHER BE
14 DISCIPLINED OR TERMINATED TO SET AN EXAMPLE AS TO WHAT THE
15 STANDARD SHOULD BE. IF IN FACT WE DO NOT HAVE POLICIES AND
16 PROCEDURES IN PLACE THAT NEED TO BE DONE, COLLABORATIONS,
17 EFFORTS TO GET INFORMATION, WE NEED TO DO THAT. AND OF COURSE
18 WE NEED TO UPGRADE OUR ENTIRE TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE
19 DEPARTMENT. SO WHEN WE ARE LOOKING OR ACCESSING A CASE, ALL OF
20 THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. IN ORDER FOR A SOCIAL WORKER TO
21 MAKE A DECISION, IT HAS TO BE AN INFORMED DECISION. AND
22 SOMETIMES IT TAKES TOO MANY PHONE CALLS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S
23 GOING ON, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, WHAT CAN I DO, WHAT CAN I ASK?
24 SO WE NEED TO GET THAT PROCESS IN PLACE SO WE ARE STREAMLINING
25 IT HAVE AND THEN, FINALLY, IN SOME INSTANCES WE ARE GOING TO



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1 HAVE TO CHANGE STATE LAW. AND THAT IS WHY WE NEED THESE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AN INDEPENDENT VOICE, NOT SOMEBODY IN THE
3 DEPARTMENT, NOT SOMEBODY WHO HAS NO RELATIONSHIP WITH IT.
4 SOMEBODY WHO WHEN THEY REVIEWED THESE CASES AND LOOK AT THEM
5 CLEARLY. I AM AMAZED. I'M WORKING ON THE FOSTER CARE EDUCATION
6 COMPONENT. IT'S JUST BEEN SHOCKING TO ME THAT A SCHOOL CANNOT
7 TELL A SOCIAL WORKER WHAT THE GRADES ARE OF A STUDENT THAT IS
8 GOING TO GRADUATE OR MAY NOT GRADUATE. IT'S AGAINST THE LAW.
9 AGAINST THE LAW. WHEN IN FACT AS ANY OTHER CARETAKER, A SOCIAL
10 WORKER'S THE ONE THAT SHOULD KNOW TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
11 CARETAKER IS PROVIDING IT. WE HAVE JUDGE NASH, WHO WENT OUT OF
12 HIS WAY TO CREATE A-- I GUESS A WAIVER, WHATEVER HE DID, SOME
13 KIND OF AN ORDER THAT HE PUT IN PLACE SO THAT WE COULD SHARE
14 THAT INFORMATION, ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT L.A. UNIFIED WAS STILL
15 HAVING A PROBLEM WITH IT AND REFUSE TODAY SHARE THAT
16 INFORMATION. SO EVERY EFFORT THAT WE MAKE, THERE ARE SOME
17 PLACES THAT CREATE HINDRANCE. HOPEFULLY THAT NOW HAS BEEN
18 RESOLVED WITH A NEW ORDER THAT JUDGE NASH HAS PUT IN PLACE.
19 BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THAT 168 CASES. I'M NOT TRYING TO INFLAME
20 THIS. I'M ONLY TRYING TO SAY WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO. JUST
21 BECAUSE THESE WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED TO BE ABUSE OR NEGLECT
22 DOES NOT MEAN THERE WERE CHILDREN THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID
23 ATTENTION. THERE'S A CHILD IN HERE NINE YEARS OLD, 146 POUNDS.
24 DIED WATCHING TELEVISION. NOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU CAN
25 SUBSTANTIATE WHETHER THAT WAS NEGLECT, BUT THERE WAS SOME



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1 ISSUES THERE. AND THESE ARE ALL CHILDREN THAT WERE UNDER OUR
2 WATCH. SO WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, BUT HOPEFULLY NOW WHAT
3 WE'RE SEEING IS SOME PROGRESS. AND, YES, THERE ARE
4 UNBELIEVABLE SOCIAL WORKERS OUT THERE. UNBELIEVABLE. BUT THERE
5 ARE A NUMBER OF THEM THAT SHOULD NOT BE THERE AT ALL, AT ALL.
6 AND WE NEED TO WEED IT OUT. AND WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
7 DO AN EFFECTIVE EVALUATION, HOW TO GET THOSE SUPERVISORS AND
8 THOSE MANAGERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE TO TAKE
9 RESPONSIBILITY WHEN A CHILD DIES ON THEIR WATCH, THEY ARE
10 EQUALLY AS RESPONSIBLE AS THE SOCIAL WORKER IS. AND, FINALLY,
11 THE UNIVERSITIES THAT ARE TRAINING THESE SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE
12 GOT TO DO A BETTER JOB AT ACCOUNTABILITY. BECAUSE WE TRUST
13 THEM. WE EMPOWER THEM. AND CONSEQUENTLY THEY OWE US A DUTY TO
14 GET AS MUCH INFORMATION. SO ANY TIME WE SEE THESE SHORTCUTS,
15 THAT'S USUALLY WHAT YOU END UP GETTING, IS THAT SOMEBODY
16 DIDN'T FOLLOW A POLICY OR PROCEDURE, WHICH IS WHY WE ENDED UP
17 WITH A DEAD CHILD. SO IT REALLY MERITS OUR ATTENTION, BUT
18 LET'S NOT BE JUST THE 14. THE 14 THAT WERE SUBSTANTIATED. THE
19 18 THAT NEVER HAD ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILDREN SERVICES,
20 NONE WHATSOEVER. THE DAY THEY DIED, THE MANDATED REPORTING GOT
21 A CALL TO THE HOT LINE. BUT THERE ARE 168 THAT WERE NEVER
22 SUBSTANTIATED THAT REALLY IF YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE STILL
23 LOOKING AT NOT HIGH QUALITY SOCIAL WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
24 TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE CASES
25 AND START DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE PLANS. BUT ALL OF THOSE



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1 THINGS, EVERYTHING FROM CHANGING STATE LAW TO DISCIPLINING OUR
2 SOCIAL WORKER ALL HAVE TO BE CONSTANTLY IN PLAY OTHERWISE
3 WE'RE NEVER GOING TO END IT. I DON'T KNOW IF WE WILL EVER SEE
4 A YEAR WITH ZERO. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF
5 THAT'S GOING TO BE POSSIBLE. WE HAVE PARENTS THAT COME HERE
6 EVERY SINGLE DAY SAYING HOW UNFAIR OUR SYSTEM IS IN TAKING
7 CHILDREN AWAY FROM THEM. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME EVERY TIME
8 I'VE SPOKEN TO THOSE PARENTS, THEY ALWAYS HAVE 1001 REASONS AS
9 TO WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT HAPPENED. AND I KNOW THAT OUR
10 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT SEPARATE CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS
11 UNLESS THERE ARE REALLY SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS. SO THE REALITY
12 IS: WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE THEM AWAY, BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO.
13 BUT NOW THEY BECOME OUR WARDS AND WE HAVE TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY
14 OF SAFETY FOR THEM. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES IN PLAY HERE.
15 AND EVERY ONE OF US HAS A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY. BUT IT
16 PAINFUL WHEN YOU READ ABOUT THESE I GUESS IN YOUR HEADLINES IN
17 THE PAPER IN THE MORNING, BUT THIS IS AN ONGOING ISSUE,
18 ONGOING PROBLEMS. WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO. BUT I THINK
19 WE'RE DOING BETTER, AT LEAST I THINK WE'RE DOING BETTER SINCE
20 I SAW THE CASE OF LANCE HELMS TODAY. LITTLE BY LITTLE WE'RE
21 MAKING LITTLE INROADS. BUT VERY, FRANKLY, THESE CHILDREN'S
22 DEATHS ARE BIG. AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS-- AND I'VE
23 GONE TO COURT, AS WELL, IS THE ISSUE OF DRUGS. I HAVE SEEN
24 JUDGE TIME AND TIME AGAIN GIVE A PARENT A BREAK TO GO THROUGH
25 SUBSTANCE ABUSE REHAB AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS AND GIVING THEM



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1 A BREAK CONSTANTLY, AND IN MANY INSTANCES THOSE FAMILIES,
2 WHILE CLAIMING TO CLEAN UP, WE KNOW AT THE END OF THE DAY
3 UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT. AND THAT'S WHAT LEADS TO THIS KIND OF
4 ABUSE AND NEGLECT THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST. SO WE'VE GOT A
5 LONG WAY TO GO. BUT I AM AT LEAST HOPEFUL THAT WE ARE AT LEAST
6 GETTING THESE LISTS THAT WE'RE UPGRADING OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM.
7 WE'RE CREATING BETTER POLICIES. WE'RE HOLDING MANAGERS AND
8 SUPERVISORS ACCOUNTABLE. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT EFFORTS TO
9 CHANGE THESE LAWS SO THAT THE SOCIAL WORKER HAS THE WHOLE
10 ARRAY OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HER OR HIM SO THAT THEY CAN
11 MAKE THE APPROPRIATE DECISION ON OUR BEHALF.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'VE GOT A COUPLE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. GO
14 AHEAD.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I AM SIMPLY
17 STARTLED BY THAT WHICH I'M HEARING, THAT WHICH I'VE READ. I AM
18 QUITE CONCERNED THAT WE NOT FIND OURSELVES PARALYZED IN THE
19 FACE OF THESE CONTINUING PROBLEMS. THERE'S AN AMENDING MOTION
20 THAT CALLS FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS. I'D LIKE TO, MR. CHAIRMAN,
21 WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD, SUGGEST THAT WE NEED TO RAISE
22 THAT TO A MORE FREQUENT REPORT BACK. I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT
23 THEY BE MONTHLY. I DON'T THINK THAT'S TOO OFTEN FOR THIS TO BE
24 ON OUR PLATE. I THINK WE OUGHT TO HAVE A CONSISTENTLY IN OUR



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1 FACES UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO DRIVE TO A ZERO TOLERANCE
2 POLICY IN VERY PRACTICAL TERMS. I SO MOVE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A COUPLE MEMBERS OF
5 THE PUBLIC SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. FIRST OF ALL, ADELINA SORKIN
6 AND ARNOLD SACHS. I WILL BRING IT. WE EACH GOT A MOTION TO DO
7 IT MONTHLY. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **ADELINA SORKIN:** I'M ADELINA SORKIN, CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION
10 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. LAST WEEK I SPOKE WITH YOU
11 REGARDING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. THIS IS AN ISSUE REGARDING
12 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. IN 1997, JUDGE NASH PROVIDED THE
13 COMMISSION WITH A BLANKET ORDER THAT WE COULD REVIEW CHILD
14 DEATH CASES. IN 2001, WE MADE A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS
15 WELL AS THIS BOARD REGARDING THE ISSUE OF SHARING INFORMATION.
16 AND OUR REVIEW OF FIVE CASES AT THAT TIME. THERE WAS LACK OF
17 INFORMATION FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHILD DIED. WE
18 HAVE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES. AND I COMMEND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
19 FOR HIS MOTION. WE HAVE TO MOVE FASTER TO REALLY LISTEN TO
20 WHAT ARE THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED. ONE OF
21 THOSE IS OF COURSE SHARING OF INFORMATION. THE OTHER IS REALLY
22 TAKING TIME TO LISTEN, NOT TO JUST SAY THAT BECAUSE A CHILD IS
23 THREE OR UNDER, THAT YOU CAN'T REALLY TALK WITH A CHILD. A
24 CHILD MAY BE PREVERBAL, BUT YOU CAN DEFINITELY SEE IN A
25 CHILD'S EYES, IN A CHILD'S FACE WHAT MAY BE GOING ON. LAST



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1 YEAR, THE COMMISSION REVIEWED FIVE CASES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED
2 IN THESE 14. AND WE WILL BE REPORTING ON OUR FINDINGS TO THE
3 COURTS REGARDING THESE ISSUES. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. IN LISTENING TO THE
7 CONVERSATION, I BELIEVE THE SUPERVISOR OF THE DEPARTMENT CAME
8 UP WITH THE ANSWER OR MENTIONED ONE OF THE ANSWERS: MORE
9 PERSONNEL. YOU DID A STUDY FOR THE HOMELESS, PROJECT 50. YOU
10 WENT TO NEW YORK TO FIND OUT HOW THEY INITIATED THIS PROJECT.
11 SHE MENTIONED THAT NEW YORK CHILD WELFARE WORKERS HAVE AN
12 AVERAGE CASELOAD OF 1 CHILDREN PER WORKER -- 12. THAT SHE'D
13 NEED TO HIRE 1,000 MORE WORKERS TO ACHIEVE THAT RATIO. I'M NOT
14 SAYING-- AND PROBABLY AGREE THAT 1,000 IS RIGHT NOW
15 INCOMPREHENSIBLE, BUT THERE'S A MIDDLE GROUND THERE SOMEPLACE.
16 YOU TALK ABOUT SHORTCUTS. IF YOU NEED TO HIRE 1,000 PEOPLE,
17 I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY PEOPLE WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW.
18 YOU GET A NUMBER. DOES THAT MEAN THAT EVERY WORKER HAS-- DO
19 THEY HAVE DOUBLE THAT AMOUNT OF 12? DO THEY HAVE TRIPLE THAT
20 AMOUNT OF 12? DO THEY HAVE 50 CHILDREN THEY HAVE TO LOOK AT?
21 WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE RATIO OF CHILDREN TO WORKERS, THEN MAYBE
22 YOU CAN ADDRESS THE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT COME WITH THE FACT
23 THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WORKERS. BUT IF THAT'S A MAJOR
24 SHORTFALL OR A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK IN GETTING THE
25 INFORMATION TO BE FREELY MOVED FROM DEPARTMENT TO DEPARTMENT,



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1 THEN THAT'S A STUMBLING BLOCK THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED
2 FIRST. BECAUSE STREAMLINING ALL THE INFORMATION AND MAKING
3 THOSE SYSTEMS WORKABLE MIGHT HELP A LITTLE BIT, BUT UNTIL YOU
4 LOWER THAT CASELOAD NUMBER, YOU'RE GOING TO BE STANDING --
5 IT'LL BE THE SAME SITUATION WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE BACKLOG
6 OF D.N.A. TESTING. YOU HAVE TOO MANY CATEGORIES AND NOT ENOUGH
7 PERSONNEL. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. I
10 THINK THERE'S SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT, ZEV'S
11 AMENDMENT AND THEN MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID INSTEAD OF
12 QUARTERLY, MONTHLY, IS THAT CORRECT? SO THAT ITEM SITS BEFORE
13 US. IS THERE A MOTION? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
14 CHAIR WILL SECOND. AS AMENDED. HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION
15 OR OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION I HAD ON 23, WE HAD--

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D ASK THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND
20 HARBORS, COULD YOU JOIN US OUT HERE, PLEASE?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK MY QUESTION WOULD BE MORE FOR THE
23 C.E.O. RELATIVE TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING, WE WERE DISCUSSING AT
24 SOME TIME THAT SOME OF OUR-- MR. FUJIOKA, SOME OF OUR VENUES
25 DO NOT HAVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING, LIKE THE FOOD SERVICES AT THE



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1 ARBORETUM THAT CAME UP, OR DISNEY. AND THE QUESTION WAS THIS
2 PROJECT COMPETITIVELY BID? AND AREAS THAT PERHAPS THE COUNTY
3 CONTRACTS FOR, LET'S SAY, FOOD SERVICES, ARE THERE PROGRAMS
4 THAT DO NOT REQUIRE BIDDING? AND THE QUESTION IS WHY DON'T
5 THEY REQUIRE BIDDING IF THERE ARE SUCH? AND I DON'T KNOW IF
6 YOU CAN ANSWER ALL OF THOSE TODAY BUT MAYBE GIVE US A REPORT.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN GIVE A REPORT BACK FOR THE OTHER VENUES,
9 BUT THIS SPEAKS TO THE-- SANTOS HAS COME UP WITH REQUESTS TO
10 CONDUCT A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THESE ARE ALL COMPETITIVE BID.

13

14 **SANTOS KREIMAN:** AS THE PROPOSAL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN OUR OTHER VENUES, WOULD YOU REPORT BACK?
17 ARE THEY ALSO FOLLOWING THIS EXAMPLE OF DOING COMPETITIVE
18 BIDDING?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. I HEARD THE CONCERN OF NOT ONLY
21 YOURSELF BUT OTHER BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING THE CONCESSION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE DISCUSSION I HAD, MR. CHAIRMAN, SO
24 I'D MOVE THE ITEM..

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE
2 CHAIR WILL SECOND. ITEM PASSES. AND THE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 57.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 57. THE LONG ANTICIPATED BUDGET.

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING. WE PASSED OUT
9 SOME INFORMATION THAT--

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S ONLY SO MANY HOURS IN A MORNING.
12 YOU KNOW, YOU GOT TO GO TO AN AFTERNOON.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT RELATES TO A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, BUT
15 I'M NOT GOING TO GO OVER THE ENTIRE PRESENTATION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SHOULD. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.
18 WHATEVER YOU NEED TO DO, DO.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME
21 PAGES IN IT THAT I THINK ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND AS
22 THEY'RE SETTING UP, I'LL JUST GET INTO THE PRESENTATION. I HAD
23 MENTIONED IN ANOTHER SETTING THAT I WORKED ON BUDGET FOR THE
24 VAST MAJORITY OF MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER, EITHER AS A LINE
25 OPERATIONS MANAGER, A DEPARTMENT HEAD OR THE C.A.O. FOR L.A.



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1 CITY AND NOW YOUR C.E.O. FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND I CAN STATE THAT
2 IN MY 35 YEARS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN WHEN THE
3 THREE LEVELS OF OUR ECONOMY HAVE SUFFERED THE-- YOU CAN CALL
4 IT THE CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS WE'RE SEEING TODAY, STARTING AT
5 THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THE STATE LEVEL, THEN OUR LOCAL
6 REVENUES. WHAT WE HAVE MAKES SOME OF OUR PAST CHALLENGES PALE
7 IN COMPARISON, AND THAT INCLUDES WHAT HAPPENED WITH
8 PROPOSITION 13, BECAUSE THAT WAS SPECIFIC TO THE STATE AND THE
9 COUNTY, THE DOWNTURN IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IN THE '80S AND
10 ALSO IN THE '90S AND WHAT WE FACED IN THE MID '90S WHEN WE HAD
11 TO LAYOFF SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS A BUDGET THAT
13 WE'RE PRESENTING TO YOU THAT PRESERVES CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND
14 SERVICES BUT YET STILL ASKS DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SOME
15 SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICES. WE INITIATED THIS PROCESS BY ASKING
16 FOR A 5 PERCENT CURTAILMENT ACROSS-THE-BOARD. AS WE SAT WITH
17 DEPARTMENTS, AND RATHER THAN JUST ARBITRARILY GOING THROUGH A
18 5 PERCENT ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT, WE WORKED WITH EACH DEPARTMENT
19 TO IDENTIFY THEIR ABILITY TO TAKE, STARTING WITH THE 5
20 PERCENT, BUT SOME HAVE TAKEN CUTS AS HIGH AS 9 AND 10 PERCENT,
21 WE LOOKED AT THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ENSURE
22 THAT WE MINIMIZE JUST THAT. AND THAT WAS THE IMPACT. AS A
23 CRITICAL ELEMENT OF OUR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AS IT RELATES
24 TO THE BUDGET IS THE FACT THAT THIS DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY IS
25 NOT GOING TO BE SHORT LIVED. WE'RE LOOKING AT LOCAL REVENUES



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1 THAT HAVE DROPPED, PARTICULARLY IN PROPERTY TAX, WHERE OUR
2 ASSESSMENT ROLL HAS LOST SIGNIFICANT VALUE AND TO RECOUP THAT
3 VALUE IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME. WE KNOW THAT OUR SALES TAX
4 ON THE LOCAL REVENUES, AND AS THIS PRESENTATION SLOWLY STARTS
5 TO BOOT UP, I'LL SHOW YOU SOME INFORMATION THAT HIGHLIGHTS
6 EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE AT. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THOUGH, WE HAVE
7 WHAT IN ANY DEFINITION MUST BE DESCRIBED AS A STRUCTURAL
8 PROBLEM WITH OUR BUDGET. YOU CAN CALL IT A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT.
9 YOU CAN CALL IT JUST THAT, A STRUCTURAL PROBLEM. WHERE YOUR
10 INCOMING REVENUES NO LONGER SUPPORT YOUR OUTGOING
11 EXPENDITURES. THAT IS SIGNIFICANT. AND THAT'S WHAT WE, DURING
12 THIS BUDGET PROCESS, THAT'S WHAT WE TRIED TO BRING BACK IN
13 BALANCE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO HAVE ASKED WHY WE'VE
14 ELIMINATED THE 1,684 POSITIONS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY BUDGET AS
15 PART OF THIS EFFORT. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE LOOKED AT
16 PRINCIPALLY VACANT POSITIONS, VACANT BUDGETED POSITIONS IN A
17 NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND WE MADE A
18 DECISION THAT WE SHOULD ELIMINATE THOSE. NOW, I HEARD SOME
19 COMMENTS THAT WE'VE TAKEN AWAY THE FLEXIBILITY OF DEPARTMENTS
20 TO FILL CRITICAL DEPARTMENTS WHEN THE NEED EXISTS. WELL,
21 COUPLED WITH THAT NEED MUST BE THE FUNDING FOR THOSE
22 POSITIONS. DEPARTMENTS HAVE NOT LOST THE FLEXIBILITY. WE STILL
23 HAVE THE, WITH BOARD APPROVAL, THE ORDINANCE AUTHORITY. AND IN
24 SOME INSTANCES, LIKE D.P.S.S., WHERE WE TOOK 899 POSITIONS, IN
25 EXCESS OF 500 POSITIONS STILL AS PART OF THE SALARY ORDINANCE



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1 TO FILL THOSE POSITIONS. THAT FLEXIBILITY ABSOLUTELY EXISTS,
2 BUT, AGAIN, IT MUST BE COUPLED WITH OUR ABILITY TO FUND THOSE
3 POSITIONS. WHAT HAS HAPPENED - AND I KNOW WE'RE HAVING A
4 LITTLE HARD TIME BRINGING THAT UP, WE HAVE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD
5 WITH THIS BUDGET, I HAVE TO CAUTION YOU THAT THIS BUDGET IS
6 NOT FINISHED. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE WERE GETTING READY TO GO TO
7 PRINT, EMBEDDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET THAT'S BEFORE YOU THAT
8 WAS PRINTED IS A MINUS 1 PERCENT IN OUR PROPERTY TAX. SHORTLY
9 BEFORE WE WENT TO PRINT, OUR ASSESSOR CAME TO US AND SAID THAT
10 THAT FIGURE MAY CHANGE. AND IN FACT IT CAN GO AS HIGH AS MINUS
11 3.3 PERCENT. IN FACT IT DOES GO TO 3.3 PERCENT, WE WILL BE 88
12 MILLION OUT OF BUDGET. NOW, THAT, COMBINED WITH WHAT WE KNOW
13 IS HAPPENING WITH THE STATE, AND AT THAT LEVEL, WE KNOW THAT
14 AT THE MAY 9TH ELECTION, IF THOSE MEASURES DO NOT PASS, THE
15 STATE BUDGET WILL BE 5.8 BILLION OUT OF BUDGET. YOU COMBINE
16 THAT WITH WHAT THE STATE CONTROLLER HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED AS
17 A 6 TO \$8 BILLION PROBLEM DUE TO DETERIORATING REVENUES AT THE
18 STATE LEVEL. SO CONCEIVE CONCEIVABLY AT MINIMUM, THE STATE AT
19 THE MAY ELECTION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL COULD BE 11.8 PERCENT OUT
20 OF BUDGET. ON THE HIGH END, IT COULD BE AS HIGH AS 13.8
21 PERCENT. FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THE GOVERNOR WILL ISSUE WHAT
22 WE ALWAYS KNOW AS THE MAY REVISE. IT PROBABLY WON'T COME OUT
23 IN MAY. IT WILL PROBABLY WILL COME OUT IN JUNE. THAT MAY
24 REVISE WILL IDENTIFY WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ADDRESS THE
25 CONSEQUENCES OF THE MAY ELECTION. WE DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL



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1 PASS OR WE DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL FAIL. BUT WILL ALSO ADDRESS
2 THE \$6.8 BILLION PROBLEM THAT OUR STATE CONTROLLER JONATHAN
3 CHUNG HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED. AS A CONSEQUENCE, WE ANTICIPATE
4 FURTHER CUTS IN OUR BUDGET CAUSED BY THE STATE. WE KNOW OUR
5 PROPERTY TAX IS GOING TO-- THE REVENUES ARE SHRINKING. IT MAY
6 NOT BE AS HIGH AS ADDITIONAL MINUS 2.3 PERCENT OR 88 MILLION.
7 IT COULD BE AS HIGH, THOUGH, I'VE TALKED TO RICK RECENTLY, AS
8 ANOTHER MINUS 1 OR MINUS 1.3. IN ADDITION, AND THIS IS
9 SOMETHING I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, THAT UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS
10 WHERE WE'VE-- I THINK ON A NORMAL YEAR ABOUT 24,000 ASSESSMENT
11 APPEALS, WE HAVE WAITING RIGHT NOW 42,000 ASSESSMENT APPEALS.
12 OUR ASSESSOR HAS SAID NEXT YEAR, THAT FIGURE CAN GO AS HIGH AS
13 100,000 ASSESSMENT APPEALS. SO THIS PRESENTATION-- AND I'M NOT
14 GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL OF IT, BUT I WANTED TO SHOW YOU A
15 COUPLE OF FIGURES THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT. BUT FOR THOSE
16 WATCHING TODAY, IT CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE L.A. COUNTY WEBSITE
17 IF YOU GO TO THE LINK THAT SAYS BUDGET INFORMATION. I'LL JUST
18 SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. I'VE TALKED ABOUT HOW WE APPROACH THIS
19 BUDGET AND THE FACT THAT WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
20 MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE OUR CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. AND
21 UNLIKE OTHER LARGE MUNICIPALITIES HERE NOT ONLY IN L.A. COUNTY
22 BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WE ARE NOT LOOKING AT
23 LAYOFFS AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I'M JUST GOING TO GO THROUGH
24 SOME OF THESE. THIS IS A TOTAL BUDGET RIGHT NOW NOW. OUR
25 BUDGET WENT FROM \$3.2 BILLION TO 22.8 BILLION OR 415 MILLION



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1 LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR. IT ALSO SHOWS ON THE
2 BOTTOM A FIGURE OF 1,684 POSITIONS THAT WE'VE TAKEN FROM THE
3 BUDGET BASED ON WHAT WE HAD LAST FISCAL YEAR. I'VE TALKED
4 ABOUT THIS ITEM. THIS SHOWS YOU SOME-- ONE OF THE DRIVERS OF
5 WHAT'S CAUSING OUR BUDGET DEFICIT. THE GENERAL RELIEF CASELOAD
6 PER MONTH IN FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 WAS 67,323. FOR NEXT YEAR,
7 WE PROJECT IT WILL BE AS HIGH AS 84,000. THAT'S A 24.9 OR 25
8 PERCENT INCREASE. AS FAR AS THE DOLLAR IMPACT, THERE IS AN
9 ADDITIONAL \$41 MILLION. FOR IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES, THE
10 CASELOAD'S GOING TO GO UP 13,809 OR APPROXIMATELY AN 8 PERCENT
11 INCREASE, WHICH IS ANOTHER \$27 MILLION IMPACT TO OUR BUDGET.
12 BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THIS GRAPH, WHAT YOU'LL SEE ON THIS GRAPH,
13 I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S PINK, BUT THE LIGHT COLORED LINE, THE
14 PINK LINE, IS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. AND THEN YOU SEE THE
15 GENERAL RELIEF CASELOAD GOING UP. YOU CAN SEE IT TRACKS VERY
16 CLOSELY TOGETHER. NOW, BECAUSE OF THIS, WHAT WE'VE DONE IS
17 WE'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND TO THIS BOARD IS THE USE OF ONE-TIME
18 MONEY TO DEAL WITH THIS SPIKE. SOME FOLKS HAVE SAID THE USE OF
19 ONE-TIME MONEY IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES.
20 AND YET I WOULD ARGUE AGAINST THAT. WE FEEL THIS IS BEING
21 DRIVEN BY THE ECONOMY. AND AS OTHER MEASURES, SUCH AS SOME OF
22 THE STIMULUS DOLLARS AND ALSO GIVEN THAT THE HOPE THAT THE
23 ECONOMY RECOVERS, IT'S ANTICIPATED THAT THE SPIKE IN THE
24 UNEMPLOYMENT WILL START GOING DOWN. AND WITH THAT WILL BE A
25 CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL RELIEF CASELOAD. IF WE



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1 WERE NOT TO USE THE ONE TIME MONEY, WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT INTO
2 OUR ONGOING PROGRAMS THAT WOULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT. THIS IS
3 ABOUT -- IF YOU SEE THE FIGURE BEFORE, WE'RE TALKING \$41
4 MILLION IN THIS INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR TO NEXT YEAR. CUTTING
5 \$41 MILLION FROM OUR ONGOING BUDGET FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS AND
6 SERVICES WOULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT. AND YET WE STILL FEEL IT'S
7 ONLY A SPIKE AND A SHORT-TERM SPIKE. ALBEIT, IT COULD BE A
8 COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO DEAL WITH NOW.
9 THIS IS ANOTHER SLIDE THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO SEE. IF YOU
10 LOOK AT OUR PROPERTY TAX, I MENTIONED THAT EMBEDDED IN OUR
11 BUDGET IS A MINUS 1 PERCENT REDUCTION OR \$38 MILLION. OUR
12 LOCAL SALES TAX IS 5.9 PERCENT REDUCTION. NOW THAT'S FOR
13 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE ALL KNOW THAT FOR THE CITIES IN L.A.
14 COUNTY WHO TO A LARGE EXTENT ARE SUPPORTED BY SALES TAX, THEIR
15 DECREASE IS VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT AND IT'S WHAT'S DRIVING
16 THEIR NEED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CURTAILMENTS AND WITH
17 THAT, LAYOFFS. OUR PROP 172 SALES TAX, THE PUBLIC SAFETY
18 AUGMENTATION WILL GO DOWN 5.8 PERCENT OR \$36 MILLION. OUR
19 INTEREST EARNINGS, LAST YEAR WE MADE \$92 MILLION IN INTEREST.
20 NEXT YEAR WE THINK IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE 40, A DROP IN 52
21 MILLION. THE YEAR BEFORE WE MADE IN EXCESS OF \$100 MILLION.
22 YOU SEE DEED TRANSFER TAX. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT WAS
23 DRIVING THE BUDGET CHANGES. OUR REVENUE HAS GONE DOWN 145.5
24 MILLION. OUR ASSISTANT CASELOAD INCREASES LIKE G.R. AND
25 I.H.S.S. HAS GONE UP 94.9 MILLION. WE'VE HAD SOME CHANGES IN



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1 OUR PROGRAM COST OF 5.6. WE'VE HAD SOME UNAVOIDABLE COST
2 CHANGES OF 54. WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THIS \$304 MILLION
3 DEFICIT BY ASKING DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE \$107 MILLION IN
4 CURTAILMENTS USING ONE-TIME BRIDGE MONEY, \$115 MILLION AND
5 THEN UTILIZING THE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING OF \$77.7 MILLION.
6 THIS NEXT SLIDE SPEAKS TO THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT WE'RE
7 CUTTING, AND IT GIVES YOU A SUMMARY OF POSITIONS BY
8 DEPARTMENT. THAT'S A TOTAL OF 1,684. AGAIN, UNDERSTAND THAT
9 THE DEPARTMENTS STILL HAVE THE ORDERED FLEXIBILITY TO FILL
10 POSITIONS ONCE AND IF WE FIND FUNDING FOR THOSE PROGRAMS BASED
11 ON THE CRITICALITY OF WHAT THEY PROVIDE. THIS IS NOT TAKING
12 AWAY THEIR FLEXIBILITY, BUT IT HELPS US ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL
13 DEFICIT THAT WE NEED TO DO NOT ONLY THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR
14 AND MY ASSESSMENT ON THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THIS IS AT LEAST A
15 THREE-YEAR ISSUE. AND THIS GIVES YOU SOME OF THE MAJOR CHANGES
16 IN THE BUDGET. I WON'T GO OVER EACH ONE. BUT THE INFORMATION
17 IS IN THE HANDOUT IN FRONT OF YOU. IT'S BY DEPARTMENT BY
18 DEPARTMENT. THERE'S ONE SLIDE THAT SPEAKS TO HEALTH SERVICES
19 AND THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS, THE PREVIOUS ONE. WE HAVE A \$257
20 MILLION PLACEHOLDER IN THEIR BUDGET. MAY 19TH WE'LL COME BACK
21 TO YOU WITH A BUDGET COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE TO SEEK TO THE
22 DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET HOW TO ADDRESS THE 357. AND IT GOES ON FOR
23 EACH DEPARTMENT. THERE'S ONE OTHER SLIDE I WANT TO-- I DO WANT
24 TO HIGHLIGHT. OH, ON THE REGISTRAR RECORDER, IF YOU LOOK AT
25 THE RECORDER FEES, THERE'S A HUGE DROP IN THE RECORDER FEES



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1 THAT WE'RE ALSO USING ONE-TIME MONEY, BUT WE ARE SEEING AN
2 INCREASE IN THAT ACTIVITY. AS THE REAL ESTATE MARKET STARTS TO
3 OF RECOVER, ESPECIALLY FOR FIRST-TIME BUYERS AND PEOPLE BUYING
4 FORECLOSED PROPERTIES, WE ARE STARTING TO SEE A VERY SLOW BUT
5 A POSITIVE RECOVERY OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET THAT'S STARTING
6 TO TAKE PLACE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE ASKED THE SHERIFF
7 TO TAKE A 5 PERCENT REDUCTION, WHAT AMOUNTED TO IS ABOUT 61,
8 \$62 MILLION. OF THAT, \$26 MILLION WILL REPRESENT ONE-TIME
9 BRIDGE FUNDING TO PROVIDE TIME TO ALLOW US TO WORK WITH THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE JUSTICE
11 SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE, IF
12 NOT ELIMINATE, JAIL OVERCROWDING. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE
13 INITIATED AN EFFORT WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE
14 SHERIFF, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE
15 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND EVEN
16 D.C.F.S. BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, WE HAVE THE COOPERATION OF
17 THE SUPERIOR COURT AND THE PRESIDING JUDGE TO LOOK AT MEASURES
18 THAT WE FEEL WILL HAVE A STRONG IMPACT ON OUR JAIL SYSTEM.
19 THEY INCLUDE ITEMS LIKE VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS AND VIDEO MOTIONS,
20 ENHANCING OUR ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM, HAVING ELECTRONIC
21 SUBPOENAS, LOOKING AT SENTENCING GUIDELINES. EVERY SINGLE DAY
22 WE TRANSPORT 2,000 PRISONERS FROM OUR JAILS TO OUR COURTS.
23 EVERY BUS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR SYSTEM COSTS \$400,000 AN YEAR TO
24 OPERATE. BY MAKING SOME OF THESE CHANGES, ESPECIALLY IN THE
25 AREA OF VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS AND THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES, WE



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1 CAN MAKE A HUGE IMPACT ON A JAIL POPULATION; AND WITH THAT,
2 THE COSTS ASSOCIATED. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, 40 PERCENT OF OUR-- OF
3 THOSE IN OUR JAILS ARE THERE ON A PRE ARRAIGNMENT OR PRE
4 SENTENCING BASIS. TO THE EXTENT WE CAN IMPROVE THAT NUMBER, WE
5 CAN MAKE A HUGE IMPACT. THERE'S ONE ITEM I WANT TO RECOMMEND
6 ON-- I'M SORRY, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ON THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE,
7 IT RELATES TO THE COMMISSION ON AGING. A PREVIOUS ITERATION
8 STATED A RECOMMENDED CONSOLIDATION UNDER THE AREA AGENCY ON
9 AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL. THAT WAS A MISSTATEMENT. IN FACT IT
10 SHOULD SAY IT'S MERGED. ONE WILL NOT BE SUBORDINATE TO THE
11 OTHER. THAT WAS A MISTAKE ON OUR PART. GOING ON, THE CAPITAL
12 PROJECTS. EVEN THOUGH WE FACE SOME SERIOUS CHALLENGES WITH OUR
13 BUDGET, WE'RE STILL RECOMMENDING 1 \$.4 BILLION THAT WILL
14 SUPPORT MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. THE LAST FEW ITEMS,
15 OH, I MENTIONED THIS POTENTIAL ISSUES. THE HUGE CONCERN IS
16 WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE STATE AND ALSO WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH
17 OUR ASSESSMENT ROLL. I MENTIONED THAT THERE COULD BE ANOTHER
18 2.3 PERCENT DECREASE. OUR ASSESSOR SAID THAT THAT IS A MOVING
19 TARGET. IT COULD BE BETTER, IT COULD BE WORSE. WE HAVE 42,000
20 ASSESSMENT APPEALS AWAITING. WE HAVE 100,000 POTENTIALLY FOR
21 NEXT YEAR. JUST TODAY, THE ASSESSOR ASKED US -- AND THIS IS
22 NOT IN THE BUDGET. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS IN THE BUDGET
23 HEARINGS. HE'S ASKING US FOR ANOTHER 40 POSITIONS TO DO THE
24 ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AT LEAST THE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE
25 ASSESSMENT APPEALS. BUT ON TOP OF THE APPEALS, FOR INDIVIDUAL



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1 HOMES, HIS MOST SIGNIFICANT CONCERN DEALS WITH COMMERCIAL
2 PROPERTY. BECAUSE WHEN THOSE ASSESSMENT APPEALS COME IN, ONE
3 VERY LARGE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WILL MAKE -- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING
4 AT FOR INDIVIDUAL HOMES PALE IN COMPARISON. I MENTIONED THIS
5 IS A FLUID, VERY DYNAMIC PROCESS. WE'LL BE COMING TO YOU ONCE
6 THE GOVERNOR ISSUES HIS MAY REVISED, AND THEN SUBSEQUENT TO
7 THE MAY REVISED, THE STATE LEGISLATURE--

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE DOES THE MAY REVISED BEFORE OR AFTER
10 THE MAY 19TH VOTE?

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WILL BE AFTER. HE WILL PROBABLY COME IN IN
13 JUNE. AND THEN WE'LL REPORT TO YOU WHAT HIS MAY REVISED HAS.
14 BUT THEN WE KNOW, THEN, THE STATE WILL HAVE TO-- THE
15 LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THEIR PROCESS TO IDENTIFY
16 HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DEFICIT. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT'S GOING TO
17 TAKE MONTHS AND MONTHS GIVEN HOW LONG IT TOOK FOR THE LAST
18 BUDGET BUDGET. SO THAT WE FEEL THIS FINAL BUDGET, OUR FINAL
19 CHANGES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR PROBABLY WON'T BE BEFORE YOU
20 UNTIL SEPTEMBER. NOW, AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS, THE LAST
21 FEW THINGS, I HAVE INFORMATION HERE ABOUT THE STATE, POTENTIAL
22 STATE BUDGET IMPACT THAT I COVERED, THE MAY REVISED, WHAT WE
23 DO WITH THE FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS, THAT'S GOING TO HELP US
24 AGAIN BRIDGE, BECAUSE THE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS ONLY COVER AN
25 18-MONTH PERIOD. THEY WILL HELP US IN PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.



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1 THEY WILL HELP US IN HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILDREN AND
2 FAMILY SERVICES. AND THERE'S ALSO, AS YOU KNOW, SIGNIFICANT
3 FUNDS FOR AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM THAT WILL IMPACT NOT ONLY OUR
4 COUNTY BUT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
5 WE'RE ALSO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING SOME OF THE COMPETITIVE
6 GRANTS. AND WE HAVE A PROCESS WHERE WE'RE WORKING WITH
7 DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THOSE GRANTS WHERE WE'RE ELIGIBLE. AND
8 WE WILL BE COMING BACK TO YOU SOON WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR
9 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR GRANT WRITERS SO WE CAN PURSUE THAT
10 FUNDING. THIS IS JUST A SCHEDULE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. AND
11 THEN THE LAST FEW THINGS OR CHARTS THAT I KNOW YOU'VE SEEN
12 BEFORE THAT SHOWS HOW OUR BUDGET'S BROKEN UP BY SIGNIFICANT
13 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND ALSO WHAT I SHOWED EARLIER, WHAT'S
14 MANDATED, WHAT'S OBLIGATED AND WHAT WE HAVE AS FLEXIBLE. THE
15 LAST COMMENT I NEED TO MAKE IS THAT WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU
16 AGAIN. IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE, GIVEN THE STATE PROBLEMS AND
17 WHAT WE'RE FACING WITH PROPERTY TAX, THAT WE'LL BE BACK TO YOU
18 IF NOT IN JUNE OR JULY BUT ABSOLUTELY IN SEPTEMBER WITH
19 ADDITIONAL CURTAILMENTS. UNLESS THE STATE FINDS A REVENUE
20 SOURCE TO ADDRESS THEIR GROWING DEFICIT, WE WILL BE COMING
21 BACK TO YOU. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THIS BUDGET THAT
22 I KNOW CAUSE SIGNIFICANT CONCERN, AND I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE
23 WILL BE THE EFFORT, LIKE WE DO EVERY YEAR, TO FIND A WAY TO
24 ADDRESS SOME OF THESE CONCERNS. BUT I NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT
25 UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, THIS BUDGET IS NOT-- IS VERY FLUID.



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1 IT'S VERY DYNAMIC. THERE WILL BE MORE CHANGES TO COME. WHAT WE
2 NEED TO DO IS WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY HOW WE BEST MEET THESE
3 CHALLENGES, MAINTAIN OUR CORE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND ALSO
4 MINIMIZE THE IMPACT NOT ONLY TO OUR WORKFORCE BUT THE
5 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. THE LAST THING IS IT WAS-- I
6 HIGHLIGHTED THIS YESTERDAY. I NEED TO HIGHLIGHT IT AGAIN. I
7 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PARTNERSHIP WE STRUCK WITH OUR PUBLIC
8 SAFETY UNIONS, RECOGNIZING WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IN SOME OF
9 THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. THEY AGREED TO EXTEND THEIR
10 CONTRACTS FOR ONE YEAR WITH A ZERO C.O.L.A. AND OTHER
11 JURISDICTIONS YOU HAVE UNIONS WHO ARE DEMANDING A MUCH HIGHER
12 RAISE. YOU HAVE ALSO UNIONS WHO ARE, WHEN IT COMES TO OTHER
13 CHANGES IN THE M.O.U.S, WHERE IT'S CREATING A A HUGE CHALLENGE
14 FOR THOSE MUNICIPALITIES, WE HAD A SITUATION, AND THE BOARD IN
15 ITS ROLE ALSO HAS TO BE RECOGNIZED WHERE OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
16 UNION STEPPED UP AND DECIDED TO PARTNER WITH US AND HELP US
17 GET OVER THIS DIFFICULT TIME. AT THIS POINT, I THINK WE CAN
18 TURN THAT OFF AND I'LL ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- SETTLED A LAWSUIT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 WATER AND POWER WHERE WE RECEIVED NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS IN
22 CASH REFUNDS. WAS ANY CONSIDERATION GIVEN TOWARD USING THAT
23 SETTLEMENT TOWARD THE \$1.2 MILLION COST OVERRUNS FOR THE MARK
24 TAPER RENOVATIONS?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE MONEY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, THE WATER AND
2 POWER MONEY SPEAKS TO, OF COURSE, THE UTILITIES BILLS FOR THAT
3 PARTICULAR FACILITY. WHEN THE DAY'S OVER, THE MONEY WILL COME
4 BACK TO OUR GENERAL FUND. AND SO THE NET RESULT IS ESSENTIALLY
5 THE SAME. BUT THE ONE THING I NEED TO PUT ON YOUR RADAR IS
6 THAT THE MUSIC CENTER DOES HAVE AND CONTINUES TO HAVE SOME
7 SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE MUSIC
8 CENTER TO IDENTIFY HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THOSE CHALLENGES. AND AS
9 WE FINALIZE OR WE CLOSE THE BOOKS COME SEPTEMBER, WE WILL BE
10 COMING BACK TO YOU WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS. IT WILL INCLUDE
11 THE USE OF THIS MONEY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WOULD INCLUDE PERHAPS GIVING BACK TO THE
14 COUNTY THE EXTRA \$1.2 MILLION THAT WE HAD GIVEN FOR THE BUDGET
15 ADJUSTMENTS?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BECAUSE WE PAY FOR THE UTILITIES FOR ALL OF
18 OUR FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE MUSIC CENTER, THAT MONEY, FOR
19 ALL INTENTS, DOES COME BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE GENERAL FUND?

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT DOES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BUDGET INDICATES THAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ON ADDRESSING THEIR
3 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. WHEN WILL THOSE PROPOSALS BE PRESENTED TO
4 THE BOARD?

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL BE BACK MAY 19TH AS WE REPORT OUT THE
7 BUDGET COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC BUDGET CUTS BEING MADE
10 WITH THE ELIMINATION OF 51 MOW ADDITIONS?

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN OUR PRESENTATION, WE DETAILED SOME OF THE
13 POSITIONS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN AND PROGRAMS ARE BEING IMPACTED
14 ON PAGE 13 ON THE PRESENTATION. IT STATES THAT THE DELETION OF
15 60 POSITIONS IN ADMINISTRATION, JUVENILE OFFENDER INTERVENTION
16 NETWORK PROGRAM, IN THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING
17 NINE POSITIONS CUT TO OFFSET INCREASING OPERATING COSTS FOR
18 SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS. IT ALSO REFLECTS THE
19 DELETION OF 10 POSITIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CALIFORNIA WORK
20 OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS FUNDING AND REDUCTION
21 OF 56 PART-TIME LAW CLERKS AND STUDENT WORKER POSITIONS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS RELATIVE TO
24 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? ANY OF YOUR REDUCTIONS DO NOT IMPACT
25 THE PATROLS ON THE STREETS OR THE JAILS?



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C.E.O. FUJIOKA: THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN THIS BUDGET DO NOT
IMPACT ANY PATROL ACTIVITIES. BUT IT DOES IMPACT ACADEMY
TRAINING, RECRUITMENT, THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT PROCESS, COURT
SERVICES SUPPORT, RISK MANAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
SOME HEADQUARTERS STAFF AND THEN THE STAR PROGRAM. I HAD
MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE \$26.8 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING TO
SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE THAT I DESCRIBED THAT RELATES TO
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND WITH THAT THE INTENT
TO REDUCE THE JAIL OVERCROWDING AND TO ALSO REDUCE THE COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTING JAIL INMATES FROM THOSE FACILITY
TO THE COURTS.

13

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT STREET STIMULUS
MONIES MAY TAKE UP TO A YEAR TO RECEIVE, SO HOW DO WE DEVELOP
AN INTERIM PLANS FOR DRAWING DOWN THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS
FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY?

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C.E.O. FUJIOKA: IS THAT SPECIFIC TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY?

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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C.E.O. FUJIOKA: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MONEY SUPPORTED BY THE STIMULUS PROGRAM
WILL BE AVAILABLE PROBABLY IN 2010. A MOTION WAS ISSUED BY

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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THAT ASKED OUR OFFICE TO COME BACK IN
2 60 DAYS WITH A WORK PLAN ON HOW WE WOULD DEVELOP A HEALTH
3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FIRST ASSESSMENT AND THEN FROM THAT A
4 TASKFORCE TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
5 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAM IN HEALTH SERVICES.
6 AND IT'S OUR SPENT TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE STIMULUS DOLLARS
7 TO SUPPORT THAT INITIATIVE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IN PUBLIC HEALTH YOU HAVE REDUCTIONS
10 UP TO 23 PERCENT IN SOME OF THE AREAS THAT RESULT IN HIGHER
11 OVERTIME COSTS. SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO FILL IN THE VACANCIES TO
12 DECREASE OVERTIME COSTS?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO REPORT BACK ON
15 AND WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THE PUBLIC HEALTH CUTS WERE A
16 COMBINATION OF THOSE CAUSED BY A LOSS IN OUR GENERAL FUND
17 DOLLARS, BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THE PUBLIC HEALTH SUSTAINED
18 SIGNIFICANT CUTS THAT WERE DRIVEN BY THE STATE BUDGET. BUT WE
19 WILL REPORT BACK ON THAT ONE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND RELATIVE TO THE \$500 MILLION FROM THE
22 ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE SHORTAGES,
23 WILL WE BE ABLE TO USE ANY OF THOSE FUNDS TO OFFSET THE \$2.5
24 MILLION FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT VERY, VERY
2 CAREFULLY AND ALSO REPORT BACK. BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT FUNDS
3 ARE SOMETHING THAT WE WILL AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE, NOT ONLY FOR
4 THE COUNTY BUT OTHER CITIES WITHIN OUR COUNTY. IT PRESENTS A
5 SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY. BUT WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ON HOW HE
6 STRUCTURE THAT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAD A COUPLE MOTIONS HERE, A FEW MOTIONS.
9 ONE, THE C.E.O.'S PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR '09/'10 BUDGET
10 INCLUDES A COST SAVINGS OF \$700,000 IN JUVENILE CRIMINAL
11 INDIGENT DEFENSE BY BRINGING LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY
12 CONTRACTED ATTORNEYS IN-HOUSE. THIS INVOLVES EXPANDING THE
13 FUNCTIONS OF THE ALTERNATIVE DEFENDER TO INCLUDE JUVENILE
14 DEFENSE AT THE LONG BEACH AND COMPTON COURTHOUSES. GIVEN THE
15 FORECAST FISCAL ENVIRONMENT AND FUNDS, WE HAVE TO GIVE
16 SCRUTINY TO COST CUTTING TO-- LONG RUN COSTS PARTICULARLY WHEN
17 IT INVOLVES SHIFTING CONTRACTED SERVICES WHICH SEEM TO BE
18 COST-EFFECTIVE THEN UTILIZING THE IN-HOUSE SERVICES. SO A
19 COMPLETE FISCAL ANALYSIS IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY TO BE INCUMBENT
20 UPON US WHEN THESE FUNDS ARE MORE HEAVILY USED THAN BEFORE. I
21 WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD REFER TO THE PORTION OF
22 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '09/'10 BUDGET BACK TO THE C.E.O. WHICH
23 INVOLVES SHIFTING DEFENSE TO THE OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATIVE
24 PUBLIC DEFENDER UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE THIS BOARD HAS
25 RECEIVED A COMPLETE FISCAL ANALYSIS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SIR, WE WILL REPORT BACK ON THAT. THERE'S ONE
3 VERY QUICK COMMENT. WHEN WE ASKED THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC
4 DEFENDER TO LOOK AT CURTAILMENT AS PART OF THE 3, 5 AND 7
5 PERCENT EXERCISE, THEY IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF CUTS; BUT THE
6 UNFORTUNATE PART IS BECAUSE ALL THE POSITIONS WERE FILLED, IT
7 WOULD HAVE-- IF WE TOOK THE FULL 5 PERCENT, IT WOULD HAVE
8 RESULTED IN LAYING OFF ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER STAFF. AS AN
9 ALTERNATIVE, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER CAME TO US AND
10 SAID, "WE CAN PICK UP THAT WORKLOAD." AND THEN, BECAUSE OF
11 THAT, WE WON'T HAVE TO LAY OFF THOSE FILLED POSITIONS. BUT WE
12 WILL REPORT BACK WITH RESPECT TO YOUR MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE OTHER CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS, LAST YEAR, THE BOARD VOTED TO IMPLEMENT A HEARING
16 EXAMINER PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE
17 INTENT WAS TO PROVIDE A LOCAL VENUE FOR THE PUBLIC TO TESTIFY
18 RATHER THAN THE CURRENT PROGRAM WHERE INDIVIDUALS MUST TRAVEL
19 DOWNTOWN ON A WEEKDAY MORNING. AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM, A
20 PLANNER WOULD BE SENT TO VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES TO
21 CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING LAND USE PROJECTS. THE VAST
22 REACHES OF OUR COUNTIES, COMBINED WITH TAKING TIME OFF WORK,
23 TRAVEL AND RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC AND PAYING FOR EXPENSIVE PARKING
24 MAKES PARTICIPATION IN THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS VERY DIFFICULT
25 FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. THE HEARING EXAMINER APPROACH IS LONG



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1 OVERDUE IN OUR LAND USE REVIEW PROCESS. THE HEARING EXAMINER
2 PROGRAM MUST BE PHASED IN GRADUALLY BEGINNING IN THE MIDDLE OF
3 2009. GIVEN ONGOING BUDGET CONSTRAINTS ON THE COUNTY OVERALL
4 BUDGET AND MANDATORY 5 PERCENT CURTAILMENT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS,
5 THE ACTING DIRECTOR REGIONAL PLANNING IS POSTPONING THIS
6 PROGRAM. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THOSE PROJECTS THAT IMPACT OUR
7 COMMUNITIES AND LIVES SHOULD NOT BE A PRIVILEGE. THE BOARD AND
8 C.E.O. SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR
9 THE HEARING EXAMINER PROGRAM. WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT
10 THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL
11 PLANNING TO DETERMINE WHAT FUNDING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
12 THE HEARING EXAMINER PROGRAM WITH A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
13 DURING BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REPORT BACK. AND THE LAST ONE, CO-AUTHORED BY
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, PARKS AND RECREATION SENIOR BUDGET PROGRAMS
19 BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT PARKS AND RECREATIONS' FISCAL YEAR
20 2009/'10 PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES CURTAILMENTS TO SEVERAL
21 PROGRAMS INCLUDING ADULT AND SENIOR RECREATION AND NATURAL
22 AREAS. THE ADULT AND SENIOR NATURAL AREA PROGRAMS WHICH
23 PROVIDE PARK PATRONS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY WITH RECREATIONAL
24 OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND STRENGTHEN
25 THE COMMUNITY THROUGH DIVERSE PHYSICAL EDUCATIONAL AND



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1 CULTURAL PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, THE DEMAND FOR THESE PROGRAMS
2 AND SERVICES IS ENHANCED IN OUR COMMUNITIES DURING THESE
3 CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIMES. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O.
4 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WHEN THE BUDGET IS PRESENTED WITH A
5 DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE
6 TO FULLY RESTORE THE AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAMS AND THE
7 FEASIBILITY OF RESTORING THE FOR MENTIONED SENIOR PROGRAMS
8 THROUGH WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
9 SERVICES, FURTHER MOVING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
10 RECREATION REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE SAME MEETING WITH A
11 DETERMINATION WHETHER ESTABLISHING A NEW OR INCREASED FEES
12 COULD FULLY OR PARTIALLY RESTORE ANY OR ALL OF THOSE
13 AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAMS.

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15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ALL HAVE A QUESTION. YOU KNOW, I
20 BROUGHT IN A MOTION A WHILE BACK ABOUT CREATING THE 10,000
21 JOBS TO HELP OFFSET SOME OF THE ELIMINATION OF POSITIONS THAT
22 WE WERE VOTING UPON HERE, TO HELP CLOSE OUR \$300 MILLION
23 DEFICIT. WILL THESE JOBS BE CREATED OR FILLED TO HELP FILL
24 THESE SERVICE GAPS? WILL WE BE ABLE TO USE THE MONEY FOR THAT
25 THAT MAY RESULT BECAUSE OF THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CUTS?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL BE REPORTING BACK ON THE JOBS PROGRAM.
3 WE DO HAVE TO BE CAREFUL HOW WE CHARACTERIZE-- HOW WE
4 STRUCTURE THAT PROGRAM FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. BUT WE WILL BE
5 REPORTING BACK. AND IT DOES CREATE SOME SIGNIFICANT
6 OPPORTUNITIES FOR US.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S SOME REAL OPPORTUNITIES IN
9 THERE.

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11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY. AND WE WILL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE OTHER THING AS IT RELATES TO
14 THE HEALTH BUDGET, YOU MAY HAVE MENTIONED IT, BUT I KNOW WE
15 PUT A PLACEHOLDER IN THERE PENDING RECEIPT OF NEW REVENUE,
16 OBVIOUSLY, OR THE CURTAILMENT. WHEN WILL WE SEE THE
17 CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DO
18 YOU THINK?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MAY 19TH. WE'LL HAVE, AS PART OF THE BUDGET
21 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, WE'LL BE REPORTING BACK ON THE
22 DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PROPOSED BUDGET
23 FOR FISCAL YEAR '09/'10.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE AT EVERY POLLING PLACE?

2 THAT WAS A JOKE. [LAUGHTER.]

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT IS THE ELECTION DAY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR MOTIONS?

7 YES, MR. THOMAS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THEN YAROSLAVSKY.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. AND WE DO ALL THAT
10 WE CAN TO AVOID VOTER FRAUD AND THE LIKE SO AS TO BE ABLE TO
11 RETAIN OUR SEATS AS ELECTED OFFICIALS. LET ME READ IN THE
12 FOLLOWING. [LAUGHTER.] THE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FOR PARKS
13 AND REC'S YOUTH PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY, WE KNOW THAT THE CHIEF
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PROPOSED BUDGET RECOMMENDS THE ELIMINATION
15 OF 22.2 YOUTH WORKER POSITIONS IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION
16 YOUTH WORKERS' PROGRAM. MAY I JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT THE PROGRAM
17 OFFERS TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT TO YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14
18 AND 24 THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AT RISK. AND FOR MANY OF
19 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE POSITIONS IN THIS PROGRAM WILL OFFER
20 THEM NOT ONLY THEIR FIRST JOB BUT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
21 THEM TO LEARN AND DEVELOP FUNDAMENTAL WORK AND SOCIAL SKILLS
22 AND ESTABLISH CAREER GOALS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FUTURE
23 SUCCESS. WE ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE, SO
24 THEREFORE LET ME JUST SIMPLY SUGGEST THAT WE INSTRUCT THE
25 C.E.O. TO WORK WITH THE DIRECTORS OF PARKS AND REC, COMMUNITY



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1 AND SENIOR SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS NEEDED TO REPORT
2 BACK DURING THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
3 UTILIZING W.I.I.A. YOUTH GRANTS FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND
4 REINVESTMENT ACT AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDING COMPONENTS TO CREATE
5 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF OTHER ALTERNATIVE
6 FUNDING PROGRAMMING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC. I
7 OFFER THAT FOR CONSIDERATION, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, AS IT
8 SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER MOTIONS? SUPERVISOR
11 MOLINA. I'M FEELING LEFT OUT. I'M REALLY FEELING LEFT OUT,
12 ZEV. ME AND YOU? YOU GOT ONE?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU COULD CO-AUTHOR MINE IF YOU LIKE.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU OUT, MR.
17 CHAIRMAN.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M SURE AFTER WE HAVE HEARINGS, THERE WILL BE
20 MORE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REALLY? I WAS THINKING THERE WILL BE FEW
23 AFTER MAY 9TH.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S WHEN YOU WILL SEE A PROLIFERATION.
2 IT WILL JUST HAVE DIFFERENT CONTENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IT'S
3 ALL YOURS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. LAST NIGHT I WAS RESPONDING TO A
6 WEDDING REGISTRY, AND WITHIN 10 MINUTES I WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT
7 WHAT THE WEDDING PARTY WANTED. I WAS ABLE TO SEND IT, PAY FOR
8 IT ON THE INTERNET, SEND THEM A CARD CONGRATULATING THEM ON
9 THEIR WEDDING AND THE GIFT, AND I GOT A THANK YOU CARD ALL
10 WITHIN 10 MINUTES BACK. ANYWAY, WITH THAT SAID, I'M STILL
11 WAITING FOR THE AUTOMATION OF OUR-- [LAUGHTER.] --OUR PAYMENT
12 SYSTEM FOR LICENSING FOR THE DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
13 OPTIONS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AVAILABLE IN ANIMAL CONTROL.
14 AND SO I'M ASKING FOR A STATUS REPORT.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL COME BACK ON THAT. I WAS GOING TO SEND
17 YOU AN EMAIL ON THAT. [LAUGHTER.]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS AMAZING THE TECHNOLOGY THAT'S AVAILABLE AND
20 YET WITHIN OUR OWN OPERATION, WE'RE STILL NOT THERE.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL REPORT BACK ON THAT. WE HAVE THAT
23 HAPPENING FOR NOT ONLY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL BUT ALSO
24 REGISTER RECORDER'S MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION FOR SOME OF THEIR
25 DOCUMENTS. THAT WILL HELP IMMENSELY. DEAN LOGAN RECENTLY



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1 PROVIDED US SOME INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT STAFF ON THAT
2 INITIATIVE. WE CALL IT E-RECORDING, THE BIG ONE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD. [INAUDIBLE.]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. KNABE AND I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE
7 FOLLOWING MOTION. [LAUGHTER.] I'M JUST GOING TO READ THE
8 RESOLVED PART. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE \$2.1 MILLION FOR
9 EDUCATION REFORM INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE
10 PROBATION DEPARTMENT BE TRANSFERRED AND PLACED IN THE
11 PROVISIONAL FINANCING UNIT UNTIL THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR
12 FINANCE REFORM IS FINALIZED AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND THE BOARD
13 OFFICE ARE BRIEFED. IT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION
14 REQUESTED IN THE OCTOBER 14TH, 2008 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
15 KNABE. SUCH AS THE FINDINGS FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S
16 REPORT AND PROPOSED FUNDING MODEL AS WELL AS THE USE OF THE
17 PROPOSED \$2.1 MILLION OF THE DEVELOPMENT MEASURABLE OUTCOMES
18 AND GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED WITH THE TOTAL \$2.75 MILLION
19 ALLOCATED TO THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT. IT'S JUST PARKING THE
20 MONEY IN THE P.F.U. AND GETTING US THE PLAN AND THEN WE'LL
21 DEAL WITH IT.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECONDED BY YOURSELF.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN A DROP OF A HAT. BY THE WAY, I DO
3 HAVE A MOTION. I JUST MADE ONE UP.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ADJOURNING MOTION?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** (LAUGHING) NO. THIS IS WITH REGARD TO
8 GENERAL RELIEF. THERE'S QUITE A FORWARD HERE TO THIS. BUT THE
9 ESSENCE OF THE MOTION IS THAT INSTRUCTING THE C.E.O. IN
10 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
11 AND CONSULTATION WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK ON
12 PROGRAM DESIGN FOR POTENTIAL GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM THAT WILL
13 BETTER ASSIST PARTICIPANTS TOWARDS GREATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY
14 WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE ABLE TO
15 TRANSITION OFF OF COUNTY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING MORE TARGETED
16 EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WHO RECEIVE
17 EARLY S.S.I. APPROVALS. OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR
18 EMPLOYMENT, USE OF HOUSING SUBSIDIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT AND AS
19 A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO CASH PAYMENT, A REPORT BACK IN 60
20 DAYS. YOU'RE WELCOME.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAY I JUST SAY A WORD ON THE OVERALL ON THE
23 BUDGET STUFF. I'M SURE WE ALL GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT
24 THIS YESTERDAY AND OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS AS THIS ECONOMY HAS
25 DETERIORATED AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING GENERALLY HAS BEEN



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1 CONSTRAINED. I DO THINK IT PAYS TO HIGHLIGHT, EVEN THOUGH THIS
2 IS A FIRST PASS AS IT NORMALLY IS IN APRIL AND THEN WE'LL DEAL
3 WITH IT IN JUNE AND THEN THE SUMMER THAT THERE'S A REASON THAT
4 THE COUNTY DOES NOT FIND ITSELF IN APRIL LAYING OFF HUNDREDS
5 OR THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES WITH THE KINDS OF MASSIVE
6 DISLOCATION THAT'S BEEN REFLECTED IN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL
7 JURISDICTION AND AROUND THE COUNTRY. I THINK MR. FUJIOKA
8 HIGHLIGHTED ONE OF THAT, THAT IS THE PUBLIC SAFETY UNION CAN'T
9 BE UNDERESTIMATED. BOTH THE DOLLAR IMPACT OF THAT DECISION TO
10 JOINTLY, BETWEEN US AND THE UNIONS TO ROLL OVER THE CONTRACT
11 FOR ANOTHER YEAR, PUT ALSO THE TONE IT SET IN THIS
12 ORGANIZATION. SECONDLY, WHAT'S BEEN A PRACTICE REALLY SINCE
13 FOR ALL THE TIME I'VE BEEN HERE, AND THAT IS THAT THE COUNTY
14 HAS LIVED WITHIN ITS MEANS AS MUCH AS ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
15 THAT I'M AWARE OF WHEN WE HAVE HAD GOOD YEARS, WE HAVEN'T
16 BLOWN IT ALL ON PROGRAMS THAT COULDN'T BE SUSTAINED IN BAD
17 YEARS. WE TRY TO USE ONE TIME MONEY FOR ONE-TIME PURPOSES AND
18 ONGOING MONEY PRUDENTLY FOR ONGOING SERVICES THAT ARE
19 CRITICAL. AND WE NEVER GOT OURSELVES INTO A SITUATION THAT WE
20 COULD NOT EXTRICATE OURSELVES SHORT OF MASSIVE CUTS IN
21 SALARIES OR MASSIVE CUTS IN PERSONNEL OR A COMBINATION OF
22 BOTH. AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IN JUNE OR SEPTEMBER WE WON'T
23 BE FACED WITH THAT BECAUSE WE CAN'T SUSTAIN THESE BUMPS IF
24 THEY BECOME HIMALAYA-SIZED BUMPS, BUT IT DOES SUGGEST WHEN YOU
25 LOOK AROUND OUR REGION AND OUR STATE AND YOU SEE THE NUMBER OF



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1 JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE IN DIRE STRAITS COMPARED TO THIS
2 COUNTY, WHICH IS WHAT THIS BUDGET DOES NOT REPRESENT, A HOLD-
3 THE-LINE BUDGET, IT'S A BIT OF A BITE THAT'S BEEN TAKEN OUT OF
4 THE COUNTY BUDGET, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, BUT THE REASON WE'RE
5 NOT IN THE SITUATION THAT OTHERS ARE IN IS BECAUSE IN THE GOOD
6 YEARS, SOMETHING US AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE LABOR FORCE AND
7 THE TAX PAYING PUBLIC RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE GOOD YEARS, WE ARE
8 PRUDENT JUST AS WE ARE IN THE TOUGH YEARS. AND IT MAKES IT
9 EASIER TO NEGOTIATE THE MINE FIELD OF A TOUGH YEAR WHEN YOU
10 HAVEN'T BLOWN IT ALL IN THE GOOD YEARS. AND THAT'S REALLY
11 SOMETHING THAT THIS COUNTY IS ONE OF THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS
12 WHEN IT COMES TO BUDGETING AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S
13 BEEN RECOGNIZED BY-- IT DOESN'T SAY MUCH THESE DAYS, BUT
14 THAT'S TO WHOM WE'RE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN A FINANCIAL WORLD
15 WORLD, THE BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED HERE TODAY, THE
16 C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS NOT JUST IN THE LAST DAY OR THE LAST FEW
17 WEEKS, BUT ALL YEAR ROUND TRIES TO FOLLOW THE MANTRA OF LIVING
18 WITHIN OUR MEANS. SO IT PAYS OFF IN MOMENTS LIKE THIS. AND WE
19 WILL HAVE DIFFICULT TIMES. WE WILL CERTAINLY HAVE MORE
20 DIFFICULT TIMES. THE REASON WE ARE NOT THE DIRE STRAITS THAT
21 OTHERS ARE IN. I JUST THINK THAT THIS BOARD HAS DONE A HELL OF
22 A JOB ON THE FISCAL SIDE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. WE HAVE
23 ANOTHER GOOD YEAR. AND I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE ONE SOON. OUR
24 FRIENDS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT WE ALL GO HAYWIRE IN THE GOOD
25 YEARS SO THAT WE CAN KEEP EVERYBODY WORKING IN THE BAD YEARS.



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1 THIS COUNTY IS THE BIGGEST EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. THIS COUNTY
2 GOVERNMENT IS THE BIGGEST EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. UP CLOSE TO
3 100,000 EMPLOYEES. SO WHEN WE LAY OFF 10,000 EMPLOYEES, IF WE
4 WERE FORCED TO, THAT WOULD BE A JOLT TO THE ECONOMY OF THIS
5 REGION. WHEN WE DON'T LAYOFF 10,000-- WHEN WE DON'T LAYOFF
6 ANYBODY, THAT'S KIND OF A STIMULUS PACKAGE IN AND OF ITSELF.
7 BECAUSE WHEN THIS COUNTY SNEEZES, TO PARAPHRASE THE OLD
8 PRINCE, WHEN THIS COUNTY SNEEZES, THE REST OF THE ECONOMIES
9 CATCH A COLD. SO IT'S A BIG DEAL WHEN WE MANAGE OUR FISCAL
10 HOUSE THE WAY WE DO. AND AT LEAST WE'RE NOT CONTRIBUTING TO
11 THE ECONOMIC MALAISE AS MUCH AS WE OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE. SO,
12 ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SAY THAT. I THINK IT'S
13 SOMETHING THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD APPRECIATE. AND I THINK WE
14 WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE C.E.O., HIS STAFF,
15 MISS LOZARI, AND THE REST OF THE GROUP WHO TOILS IN THESE
16 VINEYARDS. IT'S NOT EASY AND IT AIN'T GOING TO GET ANY EASIER.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU FOR THAT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT POINT TO MAKE AND ONE
21 THAT WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF. AND WE DON'T GET ALL THE
22 HOOPLA NOR DO ANY OF THE FIVE OF US DO A LOT OF PRESS
23 CONFERENCES. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE TRY TO DO THE RIGHT
24 THING. AND BY PUTTING THE MONEY AWAY FOR A RAINY DAY, LIKE I
25 SAY, WE DIDN'T EXPECT THE FLOODS BUT WE STILL PUT MONEY AWAY



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1 FOR A RAINY DAY TO TRY TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN GOOD TIMES AND
2 THE BAD.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE'RE STILL CONTINUING-- EXCUSE ME. TO
5 LOOK AT ADD TOGETHER THE RAINY DAY FUND DESPITE OUR CHALLENGES
6 RIGHT NOW. AND I HAVE PROBABLY MORE SO THAN ANYONE IN THIS
7 ROOM THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AND WITH THAT PERSPECTIVE OF HAVING
8 WORKED IN TWO LARGE MUNICIPALITIES. WITHOUT SPEAKING ABOUT MY
9 LAST JOB, I CAN SAY CLEARLY THAT THE CURRENT JOB, THIS BOARD
10 DOESN'T-- THIS WILL SOUND FUNNY, BUT THIS IS JUST ALL CANDOR.
11 THIS BOARD DOES NOT GET ENOUGH CREDIT FOR WHAT IT'S DONE IN
12 HOW IT'S MANAGED ITS FINANCES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TAKE YOUR TIME. [LAUGHTER.]

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT WE GET THE ONE
17 COLUMN ARTICLE WHEN WE'VE-- THIS IS A GOOD BALANCED BUDGET
18 THAT MAINTAINS CORE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. BUT YOU SEE THE
19 FIVE-COLUMN ARTICLE WHEN SOMEONE HAS A HUGE PROBLEM IN A
20 DEFICIT. THE RECOGNITION IS NOT GIVEN FOR A MUNICIPALITY. BUT
21 WE WILL SEE IT WHEN WE GO TO NEW YORK AND MEET WITH OUR RATING
22 AGENCIES. AND THEY'LL SEE WHAT WE'VE DONE AND HOW WE'RE GOING
23 TO MANAGE THIS. I THINK THIS IS IN THIS UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC
24 DOWNTURN THAT ANY MUNICIPALITY HAS TO DEAL WITH. THE LAST
25 COUPLE OF THINGS I DO WANT THE HIGHLIGHT IS THAT I MENTIONED



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1 THAT WE'RE MAKING SOME STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO OUR BUDGET
2 BUDGET. I MENTIONED 1,684 POSITIONS. WE ALREADY MADE CHANGES
3 IN HEALTH SERVICES. THIS ISN'T JUST MAYBE THERE IS MONEY IN
4 PHARMACEUTICALS AND ALSO IN I.S.D., WE'RE LOOKING AT TELEPHONE
5 AND DATA LINES. IN THIS BUDGET, AGAIN THIS IS NOT MAYBE. WE
6 HAVE ALMOST \$19 MILLION IN THIS BUDGET OF SAVINGS THAT WE WILL
7 ACHIEVE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THAN WE HAVE FOUR OTHER LARGE
8 INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE JAIL AND JUSTICE INITIATIVE I
9 MENTIONED THAT WILL ALSO RESULT IN SOME SAVINGS. WE ARE MOVING
10 FORWARD ON A CONTINUAL BASIS TO LOOK AT WAYS TO BRING OUR
11 BUDGET BACK IN BALANCE. BUT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN JUST THROUGH
12 STAFF. IT HAPPENS THROUGH THE POLICIES OF THIS BOARD. AND
13 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU EITHER COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY,
14 WHETHER IT'S IN PRIVATE OR HERE IN THE BOARD, HAVE DRIVEN THAT
15 WHOLE THEME OF ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY. AND THAT'S BEEN A
16 CONSISTENT THEME. AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE WHERE WE ARE AT TODAY,
17 UNLIKE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, NOT ONLY WITHIN THIS COUNTY BUT
18 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND LOOK ACROSS THE
19 NATION. YOU'RE GOING TO SEE CITIES, NOT THIS YEAR, IN TWO
20 YEARS WHEN THE PENSION COSTS HIT THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE
21 SERIOUS PROBLEMS, IF NOT LIKE VILLEJO, WHO ALREADY FILED FOR
22 BANKRUPTCY, WE WILL NOT BE IN THAT POSITION.
23



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE OTHER PART ABOUT TRYING TO
2 DO THE RIGHT THING IS WE'VE HAD GREAT PARTNERSHIPS WITH LABOR
3 AND MANAGEMENT HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHILE WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES FROM
8 TIME TO TIME, OUR LABOR FOLKS HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB IN WORKING
9 WITH ALL OF US AND TRYING TO PRESERVE THE SERVICES THAT WE'RE
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR IS THE ULTIMATE SAFETY NET. THAT'S WHY OUR
11 COLLEAGUE, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD MUCH RATHER BE A COUNTY
12 SUPERVISOR THAN A STATE SENATOR RIGHT NOW. [LAUGHTER.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** VERY INTERESTED TO SEE THIS CONVERSATION
15 AROUND MAY 19TH OR MAY 20TH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN ABSTAIN.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WILL BE PROGNOSTICATIONS AT THAT POINT IN
20 TIME.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL WORRY THEN.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT YOU TO PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THE
25 BUDGET AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS, MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I KNOW. [LAUGHTER.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S WHY YOU FLED. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THERE'S BEEN AN
11 AWFUL LOT OF COOPERATION IN HOW WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS BUDGET.
12 IT'S AN ONGOING AND VERY DYNAMIC DOCUMENT THAT REALLY SPEAKS
13 VOLUMES ABOUT HOW WE'RE OPERATING IN THE COUNTY. BUT I MUST
14 SAY, I THINK I MENTIONED TO EVERYBODY, I'M THE OLDEST OF 10,
15 SO I HAVE BROTHERS, SISTERS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS THAT ARE IN
16 THE STATE SYSTEM, THEY'RE AT L.A. UNIFIED, THEY ARE AT THE
17 CITY AND ARE AMAZED HOW THIS IS A COUNTY THAT IS NOT IN A
18 SITUATION WHERE IT'S LAYING OFF SOME OF ITS EMPLOYEES, CUTTING
19 BACK ON SERVICES, ELIMINATING PROGRAMS AND IS BALANCING ITS
20 BUDGET. AND I THINK THAT THAT DOES SPEAK VOLUMES. I THINK
21 THERE'S A BIG PART OF IT THAT THE WAY WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR
22 BUDGET, IT ISN'T JUST DOLLARS AND CENTS, IT'S ALSO SERVICES
23 AND THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE EVERY DAY. SO THE OTHER PART OF
24 IT, BESIDES HAVING A BUDGET THAT IS CONSERVATIVE, IS STILL
25 MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, WHETHER IT BE IN PUBLIC



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1 SAFETY, IN SOCIAL SERVICES AND THINGS OF THAT SORT. BUT ALSO
2 IT IS ALSO CONTRIBUTING. WE ARE THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN THE
3 REGION. AND WE CAN PROUDLY SAY THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD INTO
4 THIS NEW BUDGET WITHOUT HAVING TO PUT OUT LAYOFF NOTICES OR
5 THINGS OF THAT SORT. NOW, AS WE DO HAVE TO WATCH OUT WHAT MAY
6 HAPPEN IN MAY. THAT'S GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON ALL OF US.
7 BUT I THINK THAT IF WE CONTINUE ON THE TRACK THAT WE HAVE BEEN
8 ON, I THINK HOPEFULLY WE'RE STILL GOING TO FIND OURSELVES IN A
9 SITUATION WHERE NO ONE IS GOING TO HAVE TO LOSE THEIR JOB OR
10 CUT BACK DRAMATICALLY ON ANY LEVEL OF SERVICES. SO I THINK IT
11 IS A BUDGET THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE VERY PROUD OF. AND IT'S NOT
12 BEEN SOMETHING THAT JUST HAPPENED AUTOMATICALLY. IT'S BEEN
13 THROUGH YEARS OF PLANNING FOR THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS AND
14 CONTINUING TO PLAN CONSTANTLY BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING TO BE
15 HIGHS AND LOWS. BUT IT'S TRYING TO FIND THAT HAPPY MEDIUM ALL
16 THE WAY THROUGH AND MAKE THE APPROPRIATE DECISION ON BEHALF OF
17 ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. SO LET'S KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED
18 THAT MAY WILL NOT BE TOO DRAMATIC AND THAT WE'LL HAVE TO TURN
19 AROUND AND LOOK AT EACH OTHER AND START FIGURING OUT WHAT
20 WE'RE GOING TO CUT OUT, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO ELIMINATE. SO SO
21 FAR SO GOOD.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO FAR SO GOOD. IT'S NOT GOING TO GET
24 BETTER, BUT AT LEAST WE'RE IN A BETTER POSITION TO START WITH
25 THAN OTHERS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO CONGRATULATIONS, STAFF, EVERYBODY INVOLVED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. ONE MORE THING?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WAS-- I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU SAW
7 IT, BUT THERE'S A LITTLE SHORT ARTICLE IN THE CALENDAR SECTION
8 TODAY, WHICH TALKED ABOUT THE COUNTY BUDGET AND THE IMPACT--
9 YES. AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ARTS. IT WAS VERY NICE, VERY
10 COMPLIMENTARY, I THINK. BUT THE ONE POINT THAT WASN'T MADE WAS
11 THAT IN OUR MUSEUMS AT NATURAL HISTORY AND AT THE MUSIC
12 CENTER, THAT THE COUNTY MONEY THAT IS PUT INTO THAT IS NOT THE
13 ONLY MONEY. IT'S LEVERAGING EQUAL OR GREATER AMOUNTS OF
14 PRIVATE MONEY THAT FUNDS MOST OF THESE EXHIBITS OR PROGRAMS OR
15 WHATEVER. AND WE HAVE A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP IN THIS TOWN. I
16 MEAN YOU HEAR IT CONSTANTLY WHEN YOU TALK TO PEOPLE FROM OTHER
17 PARTS. HOW DOES YOUR COUNTY AND THE MUSIC CENTER? HOW DOES
18 YOUR COUNTY AND THE MUSEUMS WORK TOGETHER WELL? IT'S A UNIQUE
19 THING BECAUSE WE'VE ALL BEEN LIVING THROUGH IT FOR SO LONG, OR
20 WITH IT FOR SO LONG. BUT I THINK WE'RE ALL VERY PLEASED THAT
21 WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE THAT PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE THAT'S ALSO
22 JOBS. AND IT'S ALSO A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE BUT IT'S ALSO
23 JOBS. AND WE'RE GETTING PROBABLY A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF RETURN ON
24 EVERY 15 CENTS WE PUT INTO THESE. AND THAT WAS RECOGNIZED



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1 TODAY. AND WE'RE ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE OF ALL THIS. SO AGAIN
2 THANK YOU, BILL, FOR THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THE REGULAR
5 AGENDA. WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
6 COMMENT? WAIT A MINUTE. PARDON ME? EASY, EVERYBODY. WAIT A
7 MINUTE, MIKE. NOT YET. WE HAVE MOTIONS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE
8 ALL THE MOTIONS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT, NOW. ANSWER.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BILL? THERE WAS A REPORT OF A RESERVE SHERIFF
12 DEPUTY THAT ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN NOT PAYING WORKERS'
13 COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES THAT HE HAD RELATIVE TO CONTRACTS
14 WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THE QUESTION IS COULD YOU REPORT BACK
15 ON HOW DO WE MONITOR BUSINESSES TO ENSURE THAT THOSE THAT ARE
16 DOING CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE COUNTY ARE PAYING THEIR
17 WORKERS' COMPENSATION? SECONDLY, HOW WAS THIS INDIVIDUAL ABLE
18 TO GET SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS? WHY WAS THERE NO COMPETITIVE
19 BIDDING IN THOSE CASES? COULD YOU REPORT BACK ON THAT?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE WILL. WE'RE LOOKING INTO THAT MATTER.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND A COUPLE WEEKS AGO I RECEIVED FROM THE
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ARTS, THEY'RE DOING A MAJOR
25 POMPEII ROMAN VILLA EXHIBITION AT THE ART MUSEUM OF ART. AND



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1 MY QUESTION IS: WHY ISN'T THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM INVOLVED
2 IN THESE TYPES OF INNOVATIVE EXHIBITIONS, AS WELL? BECAUSE I
3 REMEMBER IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD MAJOR EXHIBITIONS THERE, AND
4 I DON'T RECALL IN RECENT TIMES SUCH EVENTS LIKE THIS. IF YOU
5 COULD REPORT BACK ON THAT.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED
12 UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, WE DO HAVE ONE PERSON
13 CALLING IN FROM LANCASTER? NICOLE PARSON? PARSON OR PAXON, I'M
14 NOT SURE.

15

16 **NICOLE PARSON:** PARSON.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HERE WE GO. GO AHEAD. OKAY,
19 YOU'RE ON.

20

21 **NICOLE PARSON:** THANK YOU. I'M GETTING THE THINGS BACK. YOU
22 KNOW 10:00 AIRING AT THIS TIME IS REALLY JUST TOO LATE. AND
23 I'M A CITIZEN OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND IT WOULD BE MORE
24 BENEFICIAL IF MAYBE IT WAS ON A FRIDAY BECAUSE IT'S A
25 WEDNESDAY. AND THESE MEETINGS ARE THE LONGEST FOUR MEETINGS



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1 THAT I KNOW OF. I LOVE YOUR GUYS' STRUCTURE AND THE WAY YOU
2 ALL REGENERATE YOUR FUNDS TO ME, TOO. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON
3 GETTING THINGS BACK INTO THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS' HANDS.
4 GREENHOUSE GASES. AND, WELL, GREENHOUSE GASES IS VERY
5 IMPORTANT. AND I BELIEVE SMALLER ENTITIES OF THE LARGER
6 ENTITIES LIKE E.P.A., NEEDS TO BE REGULATED BY HIGHER, THERE'S
7 SOMETHING IN THE C.E.Q.A. THAT NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE PEOPLE.
8 AND THE PEOPLE AND THE LAW GETTING THE RIGHT BACK INTO THE
9 HANDS OF THE PEOPLE OR ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS. AND THERE'S WATER
10 HAS A CUSP AND WASTE HAS A CUSP AND ALSO HEIGHT HAS A CUSP. SO
11 THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, THE LAW AND THE PEOPLE, PROBABLE CAUSE.
12 PROBABLE CAUSE, IF THE LAW IS TAKEN FROM US FOR SO LONG, WE
13 DON'T GET ANYTHING. THE CITIZENS, HELPING CITIZENS CAN'T--
14 REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE
15 PEOPLE. CORPORATIONS IS HOW YOU SEPARATE. WE ARE NOT THE
16 CORPORATIONS. WE ARE PEOPLE, BOARD, AND THAT'S HOW WE CHOOSE
17 TO CONNECT OURSELVES IS THROUGH OUR PEOPLE ASPECT. THERE'S
18 NOTHING FOR US TO CLAIM OUR RIGHTS FOR CORPORATION DOES
19 SOMETHING WRONG, THEY WON'T EVEN GET ARRESTED. EVERYTHING THAT
20 YOU GIVE THE CORPORATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE SHOULD GIVE FOR US
21 THE PEOPLE. LIKE REPRESENTING US FOR CORPORATIONS FREE.
22 TRANSPARENCY ON MAY 16TH, WE HAVE A VOICE IF WE DON'T LIKE IT,
23 WE CAN EITHER VOTE OR NOT VOTE.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP, OKAY? THREE MINUTES IS
2 UP. DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO WORK ON, IF WE HAVE
3 SOMEONE UP IN LANCASTER, I THINK WE NEED TO WORK ON A TIME
4 CERTAIN SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO WAIT AROUND FOR SEVERAL
5 HOURS. SO WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT. BUT YOUR TIME IS UP.
6 THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TESTIFY. HAVE A GOOD
7 AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK SHELIAH WARD, ARNOLD
8 SACHS, VICTOR ALEGRIA, AND WALTER BECKTEL TO COME FORWARD, THE
9 FIRST FOUR.

10

11 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE STATE OF MOST HIGH. I'M SHELIAH
12 WARD. I'M HERE REPRESENTING DISCLOSURE WATCH. LAST TIME I WAS
13 HERE, WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ATTORNEY RICHARD FINES THAT WAS
14 INCARCERATED FOR BEING CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR HELP HELPING
15 BLACK PEOPLE IN AMERICA ADJUST IN A WORLD THAT WE WERE BROUGHT
16 OVER HERE THROUGH EFFECTS OF SLAVERY, ABIDING BY THE LAWS OF
17 THE LAND. AND THE PEOPLE ARE STILL A LITTLE OUTRAGED, THOUGH
18 THEY'RE APPRECIATIVE TO THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
19 HAS BEEN MORE LENIENT AND BEEN TREATING HIM BETTER IN THE
20 INCARCERATED AND ET CETERA. AND ALSO I'M GLAD TO HEAR WHAT WAS
21 SPOKEN ON TODAY REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
22 WITH OUR CHILDREN THAT ARE IN FOSTER CARE BECAUSE OF A LAW
23 THAT WAS JUST PASSED SAYING THAT AFTER 30 DAYS, THAT YOUR
24 CHILDREN WILL BE WARDS OF THE COURT AND THE PARENTS WON'T BE
25 ABLE TO GET THEM BACK. THAT'S OUTRAGE, THAT A CHILD SHOULD BE



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1 GROWING UP IN THIS LAND THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FREE, AND THE
2 BEST THING THAT OUR SYSTEM CAN COME UP WITH IS TO TAKE THE
3 CHILDREN FROM ITS PARENTS BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN UNABLE
4 TO BE ABLE TO TRAIN AND TEACH HUMAN BEINGS HOW TO ADJUST IN
5 OUR SOCIAL SYSTEM. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THERE WERE ANIMALS TAKEN
6 FROM AFRICA BROUGHT INTO THIS COUNTRY ON A GAME PARK. AND
7 THAT'S WHAT CREATED GANG VIOLENCE IN ESSENCE BECAUSE ANIMALS
8 HAD NEVER FOUGHT WERE FIGHTING THE NEXT DAY WHEN THEY CAME OUT
9 TO INSPECT THE GAME PARK, YOU HAD GIRAFFES AND ELEPHANTS WITH
10 WOUNDS ON THEM WHERE THEY WERE FIGHTING. THIS IS WHAT LED UP
11 TO THE DISENFRANCHISEMENT AND OF ALL THE ARGUING AND FIGHTING
12 IN THE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OVER 38,000. CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY
13 ARE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN. SO WHEN YOU HAVE CHILDREN GROWING UP
14 IN FOSTER CARE THAT HAVE NO PARENTS AND NO AUNTS, UNCLES, NO
15 FAMILY LINEAGE, YET THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT JUST DON'T CARE.
16 THEY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR THE CULTURE AND NOTHING ANY OF US
17 HAVE TO SAY. I MEET THESE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME. THEY ARE
18 BECOMING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THEY PUSH
19 BUGGIES. THEY ARE JUST HERE TO DO WHATEVER IT IS THEY WANT TO
20 DO BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO ALIGNMENT WITH NOBODY HUMAN. AND PLUS
21 I'M HERE TALKING AGAINST WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE G.R.
22 PROGRAM WITH THE GUYS THAT COME OUT OF PRISON, THEY GO TO G.R.
23 AFTER THEY GO TO G.R., THEN THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO GO TO SOME
24 MEETING FOR TWO WEEKS AND THERE'S NO HELP FOR THEM. THEY GET
25 FOOD STAMPS. THEY WANT TO PAY THE MONEY BACK. AND PEOPLE ARE,



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1 AMERICA'S OUTRAGED. WHY DO WE HAVE TO PAY BACK MONEY THAT WE
2 AS A PEOPLE BUILT THIS WHOLE COUNTRY AND THE WHOLE WORLD IS
3 FAT OFF THIS NATION AND THERE'S NO HELP TO HELP THE AFRICAN-
4 AMERICAN PERSON NO MATTER WHAT. AND PLUS YOUR RATINGS OF
5 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TELEVISION RATINGS HAVE
6 UPGRADED AND THEY'RE UP AND EVERYBODY IS WATCHING THIS PROGRAM
7 NOW BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE HAS A PUBLIC SERVICE TELEVISION
8 PROGRAM TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T LIKE ABOUT IN AS MUCH AS
9 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AMERICA. SO EVERYBODY THAT'S WATCHING THIS
10 PROGRAM NEEDS TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
11 AND PUT YOUR PROBLEMS AND WHATEVER YOU HAVE THAT'S UNSOLVED
12 SOLUTIONS, BRING THEM HERE TO THE BOARD, NOT JUST ME. COME
13 DOWN TO THE BOARD. THIS IS WHY THIS BOARD IS HERE. NOT THAT
14 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OUT HERE ORGANIZING SOMETHING TO BE
15 AGAINST THIS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AS A COMMUNITY, AS A
16 BOARD. I APPRECIATE WHAT THE BOARD HAS DONE AND I LIKE WHAT
17 YOU HAVE DONE. AND I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE
18 FOLLOWED UP WITH AS FAR AS MY COMING TO THIS BOARD MEETING.
19 AND HAVE A WONDERFULLY BLESSED AND GREAT DAY. AND THE PEOPLE
20 ARE SAYING THAT WE CAN'T GET JUSTICE, THAT THEY WANT BECOME A
21 NATION WITHIN A NATION SO WE CAN RAISE OUR OWN CHILDREN. THANK
22 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? ARNOLD SACHS AND THEN VICTOR?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL ASK DANIEL GARCIA AND JEERAPHAN
5 MIYAGUICHI TO JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS, THANK YOU, COUNTY BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS. SORRY I MISSED YOU LAST WEEK AT THE M.T.A.
9 BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE BUT NEVERTHELESS THURSDAY IS
10 THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETING. THERE IS ALSO A MEETING ON THURSDAY
11 NIGHT IN SANTA MONICA FOR THE WEST SIDE EXTENSION. THEY'RE
12 GOING TO REVIEW THE EXTENSION FROM THE PURPLE LINE AND ALSO
13 CONSIDER THE PLAN FROM HOLLYWOOD AND EXTENSION OF THE PURPLE
14 LINE AND THERE ARE HEARINGS REGARDING THE HARBOR TRANSIT WAY
15 COMING UP THIS WEEK. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION ONE ITEM THAT
16 I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS ON THE M.T.A. BOARD AGENDA, BUT LAST
17 MONTH, THERE WAS AN ITEM ON THE M.T.A. BOARD OR IN ONE OF THE
18 COMMITTEE MEETINGS REGARDING THE UPCOMING MARATHON. AND PART
19 OF THE DISCUSSION WAS THAT THE DATE HAD BEEN CHANGED
20 UNILATERALLY BY THE FRANK MCCORD COMPANY THAT NOW RUNS THE
21 MARATHON. UNFORTUNATELY, OR MAYBE YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN IT IN
22 THE NEWSPAPER. THERE WAS JUST A HEARING, THERE WAS A BIG GROUP
23 THAT CAME TO CITY HALL TWO WEEKS AGO TO DISCUSS THEIR
24 FRUSTRATIONS WITH THE NEW DATE, WHICH IS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
25 FOR THE MARATHON AND THE FACT THAT THEY HAD NO VOICE IN THE



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1 CHANGE. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS NOBODY HAD A VOICE IN THE
2 CHANGE BECAUSE IT WASN'T DISCUSSED. THE CHANGE THAT WAS
3 APPROVED WAS A CHANGE FROM MARCH TO FEBRUARY. THE PRESIDENT'S
4 DAY HOLIDAY. BUT THE CONTRACT THAT WAS SIGNED INCLUDED A
5 PORTION THAT ALLOWED THE FRANK MCCORD COMPANY TO UNILATERALLY
6 CHANGE THE DATE OF THE MARATHON, WHICH THEY DID, FROM FEBRUARY
7 21ST TO MEMORIAL DAY WITHOUT HAVING TO COME BEFORE THE CITY
8 COUNCIL. THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THIS IS TWOFOLD: ONE,
9 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN AT THE M.T.A. COMMITTEE
10 HEARING, THERE WAS A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CHANGE WHEN
11 THERE WAS NONE. AND, TWO, THE M.T.A. BOARD OR THE M.T.A.
12 COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD PAY THE EXTRA FUNDING THAT
13 WILL BE INCURRED WHEN THIS MARATHON OCCURS ON THE HOLIDAY. I
14 DON'T SEE HOW THAT'S LOGICAL. THE COMPANY THAT'S RUNNING THE
15 MARATHON ALLOWED TO CHANGE THE DATE TO PAY FOR IT, AND YET THE
16 PUBLIC'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT. THAT'S PART ONE. PART TWO, THE
17 STAFF GAVE THE COMMITTEE FALSE INFORMATION. HOW CAN YOU HAVE
18 HEARINGS AND HAVE COMMITTEE HEARINGS WHEN YOU GET FALSE
19 INFORMATION FROM YOUR STAFF? IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE
20 LOOKED INTO AND SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. VICTOR?

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24 **VICTOR ALEGRIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS VICTOR
25 ALEGRIA. I AM HERE BECAUSE I HAVE A LITTLE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE



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1 SERENA COMPLEX HOUSING. I TRIED TO CALLING AND CALLING. NO ONE
2 ANSWER TO ME.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WAS YOUR COMPLAINT ABOUT?

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6 **SPEAKER:** VILLA SERENA. I FEEL VERY DEPRESSED AND SICK AND
7 DISCRIMINATED BECAUSE THEY DON'T ANSWER MY PHONE CALLS. I
8 DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I'M LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HELP MY
9 FRIENDS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MAYBE WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM-- WHERE
12 DO YOU LIVE?

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14 **SPEAKER:** VILLA SERENA COMPLEX HOUSING.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR
17 MOLINA'S OFFICE GET HIS INFORMATION? IF YOU GO BACK OVER HERE,
18 SOMEONE FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE WILL VISIT WITH YOU.

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20 **VICTOR ALEGRIA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, NEXT. JEERAPHAN.

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24 **JEERAPHAN MIYAGUICHI:** JEERAPHAN MIYAGUICHI. I HAVE COME TO
25 SAY, BECAUSE I THE MOTHER. I LOVE MY KID AND I NEED MY KID.



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1 THIS YEAR VERY BADLY THEY ARE ACCUSING ME AND THEY TOOK MY
2 KID, GIVE TO MY EX-HUSBAND. THE PERSON WHO ABUSING MY
3 CHILDREN. AND I NEVER RECEIVE MY CHILDREN. AND I GOT
4 COMPLAINT. I JUST COME BECAUSE THEY DO NOT THE RIGHT THING.
5 THEY ACCUSING PEOPLE, THEY ARE TAKING THE CHILDREN AWAY FROM
6 THE MOTHER. THE FRAUD , REPORT THE FRAUD. WHEN THE FRAUD A
7 PERSON INJURY. SO THEY CAN DO TO ME, THEY CAN DO TO EVERYBODY
8 ELSE. THEY'RE NOT A TRUE PERSON. EVEN THE JOB I HAVE, I GET
9 THE TRIAL SKIP. EVEN THE TRIAL, VERY BAD, VERY LONG FOR TAKING
10 MY CHILDREN. SO I JUST COME TO COMPLAIN. WE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I
11 AMERICAN THE SAME. AND MY CHILDREN AMERICAN. WE CANNOT SPEAK
12 THE TRUTH.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE
15 DEPARTMENT OUT THERE TURN AROUND AND RAISING THEIR HAND,
16 THEY'LL TALK TO YOU, OKAY?

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18 **JEERAPHAN MIYAGUICHI:** I TALKED TO THEM LAST TIME. THEY SAID
19 NOTHING THEY CAN HELP ME BECAUSE THE JUDGE IS HER POWER.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT. THE JUDGE HAS POWER, AND
22 WE DON'T HAVE POWER OVER THE JUDGES. JUST VISIT WITH IT THEM.
23 MAYBE THEY CAN ASSIST WITH SOME WAY.

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1 **JEERAPHAN MIYAGUICHI:** BUT IF THE JUDGE FOR, IT BE RIGHT. PUT
2 WE AMERICAN CITIZEN, WE NOT HAVE RIGHT TO SPEAK. WE NOT HAVE
3 RIGHT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS AMERICAN PEOPLE, THEY ONLY
4 STAY WITH THE WRONG. EVERYBODY HAPPY BUT THE RIGHT PERSON WE
5 CANNOT HAPPY BECAUSE THEY PUT US IN THE WRONG POSITION.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. MR. GARCIA?

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9 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI, I'M DANIEL GARCIA GARCIA. I WOULD LIKE
10 ARNOLD SACHS TO SPEAK FOR ME.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ACCESS SERVICES HAS PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE
13 FARE IN THEIR UPCOMING BUDGET. I WILL HAVE A POWERPOINT
14 PRESENTATION THAT I WILL GIVE TO YOU AT A LATER DATE. THIS
15 WILL IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE STATE
16 WILL CUT OUR SAFETY NET STARTING ON MAY 1ST. ORIGINALLY THE
17 IDEA WAS A GOOD ONE BECAUSE THEY WILL IMPROVE THE SERVICES.
18 METROLINK HAS PROPOSED A FARE INCREASE, AND WE WANT TO KNOW
19 WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY. TWO OF MY CONCERNS ARE THE FARE
20 HIKE WILL AFFECT EVERYONE, INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
21 AND METROLINK HAS NO ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIKE
22 METRO HAS. THEREFORE METROLINK IS NOT GETTING FEEDBACK FROM
23 THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY IN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT OUR
24 COMMUNITY WITHOUT GETTING ANY REPRESENTATION. I WENT TO THE
25 SAFETY OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE WHERE I EXPRESSED MY CONCERNS



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1 WITH METROLINK ABOUT NOT HAVING DIGITAL ANNOUNCERS FOR PEOPLE
2 WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING. THEY LIKED THE IDEA. I ALSO
3 MADE A SUGGESTION THAT METROLINK SHOULD PROVIDE A 24-HOUR
4 EMERGENCY RESPONDER ON THEIR WEBSITE SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE
5 DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING CAN USE THEIR CELL PHONE AS A WAY TO
6 TEXT THEIR EMERGENCY SITUATION. FURTHERMORE, I MENTIONED THAT
7 THEY COULD PUT CAMERAS OUTSIDE THE METROLINK TRAIN SO THAT THE
8 ENGINEER CAN SEE IF A PERSON OR CHILD FALLS IN BETWEEN THE
9 CARS. TOMORROW I'LL GO TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
10 DISABILITY AND ASK THEM FOR A LETTER OF CONCERN ON THE FARE
11 INCREASES AND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DIGITAL ANNOUNCER
12 24-HOUR EMERGENCY RESPONDER ON THEIR WEBSITE AND CAMERAS
13 OUTSIDE THE METROLINK TRAINS. I HOPE YOUR COMMISSIONER
14 APPROACH-- I HOPE THE COMMISSIONER APPROACHES YOU ON THESE
15 ISSUES BECAUSE THEY USUALLY EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS TO THE LOS
16 ANGELES CITY COMMISSIONER ON DISABILITY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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20 **DANIEL GARCIA:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE MORE THING. IS THAT THE
21 BUDGET THAT YOU SAW ON THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, I WOULD
22 LIKE TO ASK WHERE IS THE COMPARISON ANALYSIS DONE BY THE
23 COUNTY TO COMPARE TWO THINGS. NURSING HOMES AND _____ ASSISTS.
24 THERE IS NO WHATSOEVER INDICATION THAT YOU CAN COMPARE TWO
25 ASSIST PROGRAM AND NURSING HOMES OVER HERE. SO YOU WILL PAY



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1 MORE IF YOU CUT ASSISTS, YOU WILL PAY MORE FOR NURSING HOMES.

2 THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU ARE VERY RIGHT.

5 ON THE OTHER ISSUE, AS IT RELATES TO ACCESSIBILITY AND

6 METROLINK, BOTH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I WILL BRING THOSE

7 CONCERNS BECAUSE WE BOTH SIT ON METROLINK.

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9 **DANIEL GARCIA:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A MEETING YOU'VE MISSED, ARNOLD.

12 I DON'T WANT TO PERSONALLY INVITE YOU, BUT YOU'VE MISSED THAT

13 MEETING.

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'LL PUT IT ON MY CALENDAR FOR NEXT MONTH.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SURE YOU'RE TOO BUSY. [LAUGHTER.]

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOT TOO BUSY FOR YOU, SIR.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT MEANS IT'S THURSDAY MORNING.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** (LAUGHING) ALL RIGHT. ARE YOU GOING TO READ US
2 INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I WILL, SUPERVISOR, MR. CHAIRMAN. IN
5 ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
6 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION
7 TO DISCUSS ITEMS NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL
8 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-4,
9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
10 TO LITIGATION ONE CASE, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, PUBLIC
11 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO
12 THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY
13 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 21, 2009**

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-2, CS-4 or
6 CS-5. In Open Session, item CS-3 was continued three weeks to
7 May 12, 2009.

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